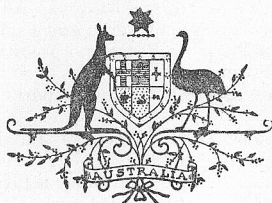


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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area—Square Miles.	Population (Excluding Full-blood Australian Aborigines).						
		Census—30th June, 1933.			Estimated 30th June, 1943. (a)			Population—Capital Cities, 31st Dec., 1941.
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	1,423,945	1,417,282	2,841,227	1,337,000
Victoria	87,884	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	979,384	1,000,905	1,980,289	1,107,000
Q'land.	670,500	497,217	450,317	947,534	543,426	508,210	1,051,636	344,200
S. Aust.	380,070	290,962	289,987	580,949	305,206	310,278	615,484	350,000
W. Aust.	975,920	233,937	204,915	438,852	250,197	229,427	479,624	230,000
Tasmania	26,215	115,097	112,502	227,599	122,323	120,022	242,345	67,900
N. Terr.	523,620	3,378	1,472	4,850	4,053	1,091	5,144	2,400
A.C.T. . .	939	4,805	4,142	8,947	6,998	7,119	14,115	12,200
Total . .	2,974,581	3,367,111	3,262,728	6,629,839	3,635,530	3,594,334	7,229,864	3,450,700

(a) Revised estimate.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

31st Dec.—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b)	Australia.
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857	..	3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301	..	4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,972	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,605	916,736	574,467	431,610	225,297	4,964	8,719	6,500,751
1938	2,735,695	1,873,760	1,004,150	595,109	462,461	241,407	5,645	11,464	6,929,691
1939	2,762,789	1,886,256	1,019,133	598,910	468,833	242,524	6,212	12,669	6,997,326
1940	2,782,991	1,918,367	1,031,525	599,398	472,660	243,363	6,299	14,086	7,068,689
1941	2,802,014	1,951,415	1,039,987	607,847	474,317	241,681	5,570	14,391	7,137,222
1942	2,833,133	1,968,226	1,040,536	613,069	479,882	242,151	4,952	14,673	7,196,622

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b)	Australia.
1901	1,363,373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,135	172,525	4,765	..	3,790,710
1910	1,632,990	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,005	3,403	..	4,370,185
1920	2,067,715	1,512,093	745,957	486,619	330,023	210,350	4,211	2,174	5,359,142
1930	2,532,289	1,786,217	910,319	573,242	429,079	220,933	4,979	8,961	6,466,019
1938	2,721,196	1,867,818	1,000,749	592,579	459,977	235,678	5,726	11,124	6,894,847
1939	2,748,192	1,881,854	1,013,710	596,371	465,531	238,097	5,999	12,092	6,961,846
1940	2,772,185	1,903,753	1,026,124	599,119	470,922	240,447	6,255	13,556	7,032,361
1941	2,791,169	1,936,725	1,037,416	602,119	473,819	239,824	6,276	14,705	7,102,053
1942	2,818,269	1,964,838	1,037,972	610,813	478,722	240,732	4,890	14,627	7,170,863

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results.

(b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.

NOTE—Population figures for years 1939 to 1942 have been revised.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

Quarter ended 31st March, 1944.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.(a)			Marriages.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
New South Wales	7,717	7,430	15,147	3,251	2,733	5,984	6,683
Victoria	5,159	4,909	10,068	2,240	2,118	4,358	4,101
Queensland ..	3,159	2,997	6,156	1,327	938	2,265	2,513
South Australia ..	1,671	1,589	3,260	657	576	1,233	1,466
Western Australia	1,374	1,387	2,761	633	421	1,054	1,185
Tasmania ..	717	670	1,387	282	252	534	406
Northern Territory	13	10	23	8	3	11	5
Australian Capital Territory ..	47	49	96	10	4	14	18
Total ..	19,857	19,041	38,898	8,408	7,045	15,453	16,377

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

State or Territory.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	First Quarter.	
					1943.	1944.

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	49,382	51,729	52,647	57,265	13,121	15,147
Victoria	31,962	34,406	35,927	39,117	9,053	10,068
Queensland	20,412	21,519	21,166	23,234	5,173	6,156
South Australia ..	10,017	10,965	11,278	13,145	3,235	3,260
Western Australia ..	9,121	10,118	9,901	10,481	2,416	2,761
Tasmania	4,994	5,206	5,305	5,597	1,305	1,387
Northern Territory ..	173	216	92	80	20	23
Australian Capital Territory	286	366	392	376	98	96
Total	126,347	134,525	136,708	149,295	34,421	38,898

BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

				(a)	(b)	(b)
New South Wales ..	17.81	18.53	18.68	20.16	18.47	21.07
Victoria	16.79	17.77	18.28	19.75	18.29	20.18
Queensland	19.89	20.74	20.39	22.09	19.68	23.23
South Australia ..	16.72	18.21	18.46	21.36	21.03	20.96
Western Australia ..	19.37	21.35	20.68	21.85	20.15	22.95
Tasmania	20.77	21.71	22.04	23.10	21.54	22.83
Northern Territory ..	27.66	34.42	18.81	15.55	15.55	17.69
Australian Capital Territory	21.10	24.89	26.80	26.64	27.77	26.13
Total	17.96	18.94	19.06	20.65	19.05	21.30

(a) Preliminary rates.

(b) Equivalent annual rates.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	First Quarter.	
					1943.	1944.

DEATHS(a)—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	26,143	27,300	29,219	28,870	6,270	5,984
Victoria	20,293	20,522	21,973	21,327	4,464	4,358
Queensland	9,203	9,530	9,622	10,576	2,329	2,265
South Australia ..	5,708	6,288	6,712	6,482	1,545	1,233
Western Australia ..	4,486	4,769	5,076	4,587	1,018	1,054
Tasmania	2,387	2,575	2,430	2,527	552	534
Northern Territory ..	86	122	83	49	13	11
Australian Capital Territory	78	70	76	68	11	14
Total	68,384	71,176	75,191	74,486	16,202	15,453

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

				(a)	(b)	(b)
New South Wales ..	9.43	9.78	10.37	10.16	8.83	8.32
Victoria	10.66	10.60	11.18	10.77	9.02	8.73
Queensland	8.97	9.19	9.27	10.06	8.86	8.55
South Australia ..	9.53	10.44	10.99	10.53	10.04	7.93
Western Australia ..	9.53	10.07	10.60	9.56	8.49	8.76
Tasmania	9.93	10.74	10.09	10.43	9.11	8.79
Northern Territory ..	13.75	17.44	16.97	9.53	10.11	8.46
Australian Capital Territory	5.75	4.76	5.20	4.82	3.12	3.81
Total	9.72	10.02	10.49	10.30	8.96	8.46

(a) Preliminary rates.

(b) Equivalent annual rates.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	30,364	29,983	34,533	26,302	7,164	6,683
Victoria	22,299	20,898	23,636	18,356	5,292	4,101
Queensland	10,287	9,885	11,722	9,979	2,568	2,513
South Australia ..	6,950	6,855	8,129	6,263	1,838	1,466
Western Australia ..	5,234	5,077	5,441	4,528	1,345	1,185
Tasmania	2,476	2,150	2,431	2,102	657	406
Northern Territory ..	154	179	53	46	10	5
Australian Capital Territory	125	121	115	97	26	18
Total	77,889	75,148	86,060	67,673	18,900	16,377

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	First Quarter.	
					1943.	1944.

MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

				(a)	(b)	(b)
New South Wales ..	10.95	10.74	12.25	9.26	10.09	9.29
Victoria.. ..	11.71	10.79	12.03	9.27	10.69	8.22
Queensland ..	10.03	9.53	11.29	9.49	9.77	9.48
South Australia ..	11.60	11.38	13.31	10.18	11.95	9.42
Western Australia ..	11.11	10.72	11.37	9.44	11.22	9.85
Tasmania ..	10.30	8.96	10.10	8.67	10.85	6.68
Northern Territory ..	24.62	28.52	10.84	8.94	7.78	3.85
Australian Capital Territory	9.22	8.23	7.86	6.87	7.37	4.90
Total	11.08	10.58	12.00	9.36	10.46	8.97

(a) Preliminary rates.

(b) Equivalent annual rates.

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales ..	1,927	2,264	2,116	2,061	513	401
Victoria.. ..	1,261	1,246	1,497	1,399	303	295
Queensland ..	721	842	736	879	219	205
South Australia ..	356	356	448	482	116	96
Western Australia ..	403	357	365	342	94	96
Tasmania ..	176	255	225	227	44	45
Northern Territory ..	8	18	4	6	4	1
Australian Capital Territory	3	6	9	7	1	2
Total	4,855	5,344	5,400	5,403	1,294	1,141

INFANTILE MORTALITY—PER 1,000 BIRTHS.

New South Wales ..	39.02	43.77	40.17	35.99	39.10	26.47
Victoria.. ..	39.45	36.21	41.67	35.76	33.47	29.30
Queensland ..	35.32	39.13	34.73	37.83	42.33	33.30
South Australia ..	35.54	32.47	39.72	36.67	35.86	29.45
Western Australia ..	44.18	35.28	36.86	32.63	38.91	34.77
Tasmania ..	35.24	48.98	42.41	40.56	33.72	32.44
Northern Territory ..	46.24	83.33	43.48	75.00	200.00	43.47
Australian Capital Territory	10.49	16.39	22.96	18.62	10.20	20.83
Total	38.43	39.72	39.49	36.19	37.59	29.33

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	171,974	122,535	294,509	163,543
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,013	147,409	340,422	130,058
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	(a)10,886
1936-40 ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1939 ..	37,719	37,366	75,085	31,491	29,703	61,194	13,891
1940 ..	19,296	19,307	38,603	13,998	11,205	25,203	13,400
1941 ..	11,861	10,800	22,661	10,063	7,414	17,477	5,184
1942 ..	6,295	5,971	12,266	3,059	3,041	6,100	6,166
1943 ..	3,893	2,232	6,125	2,822	2,032	4,854	1,271

(a) Excess of Departures over Arrivals.

Section II.—Production.
PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.
AREA OF CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1937-38 ..	13,734,951	1,408,422	320,207	2,982,465	369,896	21,951,731
1938-39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1939-40 ..	13,285,005	1,681,962	311,812	2,998,642	374,967	22,249,512
1940-41 ..	12,644,646	1,722,902	362,871	2,353,506	371,623	21,117,830
1941-42 ..	12,003,483	1,460,472	301,360	2,758,128	352,178	20,450,028
1942-43 ..	9,280,345	1,496,913	284,592	2,359,155	329,051	17,419,717

TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38 ..	187,255,673	17,165,061	6,816,612	3,423,753	5,494,610	810,319
1938-39 ..	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	820,086
1939-40 ..	210,487,306	25,301,980	6,560,065	4,158,064	6,313,369	928,621
1940-41 ..	82,233,324	10,199,218	9,192,744	2,177,470	5,523,416	806,457
1941-42 ..	166,712,865	22,302,478	7,436,174	3,574,888	5,153,670	745,980
1942-43 ..	155,727,983	21,331,525	6,884,593	3,116,055	4,691,501	649,899

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.(a)	Tons.(a)
1937-38 ..	13.63	12.19	21.29	1.15	21.48	3.17
1938-39 ..	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.13
1939-40 ..	15.84	15.04	21.04	1.39	23.15	3.41
1940-41 ..	6.50	5.92	25.33	0.93	20.20	2.95
1941-42 ..	13.89	15.27	24.68	1.30	20.25	2.93
1942-43 ..	16.78	14.38	24.19	1.28	19.47	2.70

(a) Per acre of productive crop.

AREA OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1938-39	4,650,872	2,748,362	442,017	3,080,401	3,412,818	9,849	2,061	14,346,380
1939-40	4,380,595	2,827,417	362,044	2,734,595	2,970,411	7,495	2,448	13,285,005
1940-41	4,453,963	2,672,728	322,081	2,560,390	2,625,401	8,038	2,045	12,644,646
1941-42	3,968,758	2,757,080	290,801	2,325,717	2,653,419	6,414	1,294	12,003,483
1942-43	3,032,946	2,145,156	334,785	2,009,027	1,753,178	4,128	1,125	9,280,345
1943-44	2,693,302	1,793,428	281,349	1,533,816	1,552,358	4,840	1,418	7,860,511

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39	59,898,000	18,104,369	8,583,736	31,674,418	36,843,600	205,263	59,235	155,368,621
1939-40	76,552,000	45,054,592	6,794,906	41,071,696	40,861,000	107,719	45,398	210,487,306
1940-41	23,933,100	13,521,422	5,687,350	17,856,118	21,060,000	140,375	34,959	82,233,324
1941-42	48,500,000	46,953,840	3,079,898	30,511,112	37,500,000	145,191	22,824	166,712,865
1942-43	51,693,045	41,803,107	5,005,065	36,525,459	20,600,000	73,320	27,937	155,727,983
1943-44	47,500,000	19,733,322	5,089,368	20,690,471	16,384,944	122,141	13,117	109,533,363

Principal Crops—Australia—continued.
AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39	12.88	6.59	19.42	10.28	10.79	20.84	28.74	10.83
1939-40	17.48	15.93	18.77	15.02	13.76	14.37	18.54	15.84
1940-41	5.37	5.06	17.66	6.97	8.02	17.46	17.09	6.50
1941-42	12.22	17.03	10.59	13.12	14.13	22.64	17.64	13.89
1942-43	17.04	19.49	14.95	18.18	11.75	17.76	24.88	16.78
1943-44	17.64	11.00	18.09	13.49	10.55	25.24	9.25	13.93

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land. (a)	S. Aust. (a)	W. Aust. (a)	Tasmania. (a)	N.Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
SHEEP.									
1938	51,563,181	18,863,467	22,497,970	8,904,402	8,732,076	2,520,950	26,856	263,616	113,372,518
1939	48,876,663	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,625,690	29,901	245,540	111,057,832
1940	54,372,472	18,251,970	24,190,931	9,940,570	9,574,433	2,677,120	33,587	259,408	119,305,391
1941	55,568,000	20,412,362	23,936,099	10,263,423	9,516,272	2,682,375	33,703	281,791	122,694,025
1942	56,737,000	20,598,201	25,196,245	10,245,894	9,722,780	2,398,201	23,245	282,663	125,189,129
1943c	56,043,598	19,614,040	25,650,231	10,370,565	10,424,385	2,226,906	34,603	250,344	124,614,672

CATTLE.

1938	3,019,581	1,830,429	5,959,165	324,163	740,241	254,812	891,640	8,825	13,078,356
1939	2,811,884	1,697,295	6,097,089	318,897	767,830	262,407	899,472	7,057	12,361,781
1940	2,762,653	1,787,597	6,198,798	351,013	799,175	252,484	922,581	5,879	13,080,180
1941	2,769,061	1,922,336	6,210,810	376,654	788,928	259,108	922,308	6,686	13,265,841
1942	2,878,450	1,986,544	6,303,467	399,143	839,731	(b) 253,106	892,381	7,432	13,560,754
1943c	3,030,546	2,022,892	6,466,316	424,253	831,231	244,681	978,434	6,967	14,005,320

HORSES.

1938	528,625	359,106	445,916	197,334	151,067	31,578	31,662	1,225	1,746,513
1939	531,355	343,328	444,521	195,834	143,674	30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1940	534,837	326,217	444,956	190,013	139,207	29,605	32,721	1,241	1,698,797
1941	531,776	318,441	441,770	182,206	130,057	29,406	30,716	1,244	1,665,616
1942	525,697	302,401	431,363	171,092	124,402	(b) 28,612	26,209	1,283	1,611,059
1943c	483,277	292,534	392,639	164,855	112,782	27,077	43,663	1,143	1,517,970

PIGS.

1938	356,765	285,259	282,941	66,647	64,598	43,067	388	417	1,100,082
1939	377,344	252,462	325,326	71,292	82,922	45,317	355	573	1,155,591
1940	451,064	297,655	391,333	119,660	149,004	44,941	483	601	1,455,341
1941	507,738	397,945	435,966	190,068	217,910	46,713	407	593	1,797,840
1942c	454,102	285,227	424,458	119,765	147,960	(b) 44,519	418	854	1,477,303
1943c	486,960	307,929	409,348	156,243	151,958	49,251	532	779	1,563,000

(a) December, previous year.

(b) As at March.

(c) As at 31st March.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

Season.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust. (b)	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	Australia.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1936-37	505,375,065	163,048,510	515,766,368	76,604,296	69,935,210	14,067,000	35,000	982,831,449
1937-38	496,824,150	178,890,131	517,751,280	86,606,388	70,684,855	15,598,509	35,000	1,023,390,304
1938-39	439,049,939	165,829,182	517,458,589	102,888,121	78,802,143	17,519,000	35,000	983,581,974
1939-40	548,605,998	179,125,526	519,577,277	105,265,869	80,657,367	18,334,000	35,000	1,127,694,037
1940-41	539,035,404	187,831,364	5214,704,450	106,646,992	76,170,000	17,078,157	308,123	1,141,774,495
1941-42	549,203,170	212,919,041	204,119,026	105,124,013	78,500,000	16,985,404	308,000	1,167,158,654
1942-43	497,537,955	212,325,163	213,966,182	108,637,004	99,231,000	17,256,012	300,000	1,149,253,316
(c)								

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) For year ended previous 31st December.

(c) Subject to revision.

PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BUTTER.								
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38..	53,966	63,090	52,788	10,013	6,863	5,356	6	192,082
1938-39..	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1939-40..	52,149	73,583	63,771	10,240	6,942	5,295	7	211,987
1940-41..	48,466	69,797	53,544	9,545	6,802	4,729	10	192,893
1941-42..	39,831	62,763	43,582	9,133	7,612	4,602	7	167,530
1942-43..	43,873	55,926	50,675	9,180	6,893	4,505	6	171,058

CHEESE.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38..	3,574	7,351	5,341	6,927	395	1,683	..	25,271
1938-39..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1939-40..	3,038	10,935	6,182	9,174	378	1,447	..	31,154
1940-41..	2,888	8,204	5,239	8,673	428	1,357	..	26,789
1941-42..	2,348	10,064	7,304	8,439	586	1,412	..	30,153
1942-43..	2,350	11,280	12,741	8,000	731	1,032	..	36,134

BACON AND HAM.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38..	9,542	7,454 (a)	8,753	2,766 (a)	1,790	1,096	1	31,402
1938-39..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	33,238
1939-40..	11,627	7,985	8,947	3,146	2,086	1,292	..	35,083
1940-41..	14,091	8,946	10,299	3,345	2,304	913	1	39,899
1941-42..	15,293	8,602	10,923	3,942	2,766	937	1	42,464
1942-43..	15,082	8,855	13,057	4,428	4,142	1,238	..	46,802

(a) Excludes Bacon and Ham made from green bacon.

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Copper.	Pig-iron. (a)	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	Fine oz.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Oz.	Ton.	Ton.
1937 ..	1,381,135	12,074,274	19,789	913,406	240,036	13,778,080	3,099	146,740
1938 ..	1,592,034	11,680,159	20,326	929,676	239,590	13,895,541	3,331	163,381
1939 ..	1,645,697	13,535,142	(b)	1,104,605	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1940 ..	1,643,999	11,725,683	(b)	1,212,006	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1941 ..	1,496,638	14,212,451	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1942 ..	1,153,787	14,903,489	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1943 ..	751,279	14,163,996	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Year ended June.

(b) Not available.

VALUE (a) OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
GOLD.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938 ..	780,958	1,273,351	1,334,788	46,922	10,286,349	195,079	109,168	14,026,615
1939 ..	848,985	1,533,899	1,428,598	38,895	11,796,085	192,506	163,414	16,002,472
1940 ..	1,068,692	1,924,396	1,351,654	34,892	12,697,219	204,248	238,849	17,519,950
1941 ..	941,244	1,600,016	1,164,621	17,908	11,852,452	212,710	201,539	15,990,550
1942 ..	807,436	1,060,910	994,214	13,930	8,865,806	191,835	126,035	12,060,166
1943 ..	666,491	590,541	656,657	5,423	5,710,663	180,209	40,880	7,850,864

SILVER AND LEAD.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938 ..	3,520,465	647	926,614	70	29,477	267,773	..	4,745,046
1939 ..	3,546,440	726	1,010,856	61	32,890	291,980	..	4,882,953
1940 ..	4,454,085	969	1,342,550	391	35,107	500,218	4	6,333,324
1941 ..	4,456,973	2,410	1,324,349	837	37,648	433,643	..	6,255,860
1942 ..	4,168,421	2,227	1,034,550	35,585	23,916	358,966	..	5,623,665

(a) Except for Gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency.

Value of Principal Minerals Produced—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Aust.
COPPER.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938 ..	87,905	..	203,967	15,333	1,275	580,238	4,362	893,080
1939 ..	105,407	..	289,927	6,612	1,373	668,561	2,248	1,074,128
1940 ..	103,701	..	428,263	21,083	873	717,464	1,072	1,272,466
1941 ..	117,490	..	620,996	41,390	154	721,985	3,185	1,505,200
1942 ..	277,376	..	625,375	31,715	738	730,675	..	1,665,879

TIN.

1938 ..	286,768	28,650	141,547	..	7,421	244,037	3,205	711,628
1939 ..	366,138	47,233	200,652	..	3,871	282,798	4,487	905,179
1940 ..	373,485	32,253	223,626	..	5,174	367,127	4,533	1,006,148
1941 ..	443,123	19,569	204,232	..	1,874	328,340	4,041	1,001,179
1942 ..	417,210	19,173	150,454	..	4,634	297,919	6,627	896,017

COAL (Black and Brown).

1938 ..	5,603,842	539,822	958,884	..	375,083	61,991	..	7,539,622
1939 ..	6,768,659	645,766	1,167,844	..	362,811	74,460	..	9,019,540
1940 ..	6,125,585	622,001	1,151,567	..	364,500	63,688	..	8,327,341
1941 ..	8,265,881	726,754	1,404,646	..	389,278	85,311	..	10,871,870
1942 ..	9,472,363	880,806	1,698,231	1,650	461,495	108,241	..	12,622,786

ALL MINERALS.

1938 ..	10,731,391	1,884,015	3,966,119	2,932,473	10,844,469	1,889,804	214,724	32,462,995
1939 ..	12,123,751	2,248,169	4,556,962	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	244,478	36,838,814
1940 ..	12,791,408	2,596,117	5,105,629	3,218,237	13,230,552	2,749,817	311,024	40,002,784
1941 ..	15,073,833	2,371,568	5,300,600	3,187,093	12,399,351	2,650,271	274,172	41,256,888
1942 ..	16,258,694	1,980,972	5,023,495	3,012,973	9,487,562	2,494,119	204,366	38,462,181

ESTIMATED GROSS VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Dairy, Poultry and Bee-farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing. (a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1936-37 ..	91,403	105,499	49,886	11,765	27,381	170,811	456,745
1937-38 ..	93,229	100,794	57,641	14,755	32,434	188,061	486,914
1938-39 ..	76,851	84,895	60,404	14,634	32,463	195,746	464,993
1939-40 ..	95,784	104,972	62,070	15,347	36,839	212,488	527,500
1940-41 ..	70,406	110,959	62,628	17,179	40,003	248,751	549,926
1941-42(b) ..	94,450	121,400	64,620	18,671	41,257	306,426	646,824

(a) Net value. These amounts differ from those given in the tables, following owing to the inclusion in those tables of certain products which in this table are included with Dairy Farming and Forestry.

(b) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Employed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output.
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
1936-37	25,668	523,948	90,123,132	246,203,232	260,578,903	177,684,645	451,829,278
1937-38	26,395	559,160	102,078,550	257,998,600	287,243,412	196,488,024	498,779,141
1938-39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1939-40	27,111	587,663	114,517,633	285,209,557	315,076,697	221,295,153	553,253,317
1940-41	27,300	650,073	137,919,068	305,449,890	367,157,852	257,914,349	644,794,908
1941-42	26,971	725,342	180,052,212	325,512,892	433,160,480	316,439,028	773,058,971
1942-43	26,414	759,044	203,866,843	344,559,273	498,346,600	352,002,066	850,348,656

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—STATE DETAILS.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1940-41.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,919	9,121	2,972	2,230	2,056	1,002	27,800
2. Hands employed (a) ..	265,751	237,636	57,269	50,844	22,734	15,839	650,073
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	57,759,532	49,796,607	12,163,763	10,418,901	4,720,563	3,059,702	137,919,068
4. Value of fuel used .. £	9,620,123	5,138,787	1,655,937	1,400,683	1,309,748	597,429	19,722,707
5. „ materials used .. £	161,252,339	115,209,347	46,936,189	25,283,544	11,498,304	6,978,129	367,157,852
6. „ production .. £	115,044,388	89,000,711	21,644,338	16,916,102	9,016,922	6,291,888	257,914,349
7. „ output of fact's. £	285,916,850	209,348,845	70,236,464	43,600,329	21,824,974	13,867,446	644,794,908
8. „ land & buildings £	61,886,528	47,092,751	12,594,215	11,480,505	6,802,488	4,237,169	144,093,656
9. „ plant & machinery. £	68,533,346	44,985,756	18,501,758	14,391,653	7,394,680	7,549,041	161,356,234

1941-42.							
1. Factories .. No.	10,166	8,918	2,788	2,167	1,938	994	26,971
2. Hands employed (a) ..	298,245	258,400	61,909	65,252	23,980	17,556	725,342
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	75,757,656	64,363,277	14,476,768	16,234,164	5,499,568	3,720,779	180,052,212
4. Value of fuel used .. £	11,228,813	6,144,579	1,915,087	2,066,010	1,399,223	705,746	23,459,463
5. „ materials used .. £	189,469,148	140,198,887	49,384,624	33,264,628	12,452,275	8,390,918	433,160,480
6. „ production .. £	133,790,351	110,937,614	24,830,339	24,565,855	10,100,531	7,214,338	316,439,028
7. „ output of fact's. £	339,489,312	257,281,080	76,130,050	59,896,493	23,952,034	16,311,002	773,058,971
8. „ land & buildings £	65,015,509	50,091,563	13,082,394	16,665,829	7,093,250	4,384,553	156,333,100
9. „ plant & machinery. £	70,611,613	48,065,805	18,771,893	16,808,122	7,309,560	7,612,799	169,179,792

1942-43.(c)							
1. Factories .. No.	10,110	8,738	2,641	2,134	1,799	992	26,414
2. Hands employed (a) ..	315,524	262,358	64,291	72,748	25,813	18,310	759,044
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	88,900,826	73,035,253	16,737,545	19,243,290	6,477,113	4,472,816	208,866,843
4. Value of fuel used .. £	12,207,663	6,614,447	2,105,774	2,469,301	1,437,624	791,713	25,626,522
5. „ materials used .. £	207,599,130	149,630,126	55,063,141	36,745,047	13,845,868	9,836,766	472,720,078
6. „ production .. £	153,682,262	121,391,367	29,044,560	28,354,359	11,454,057	8,075,451	352,002,056
7. „ output of fact's. £	373,489,055	277,635,940	86,213,475	67,568,707	26,737,549	18,703,930	850,348,656
8. „ land & buildings £	72,622,902	52,642,052	13,159,140	17,473,537	6,770,121	4,926,195	167,593,947
9. „ plant & machinery. £	73,121,771	51,963,258	18,793,878	17,848,070	7,105,019	8,133,330	176,965,326

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.
working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by
(c) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.(a)
	£	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	5,167,331	5,733,723	5,846,992	5,043,168
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,544,215	6,154,014	6,191,079	4,841,965
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	14,154,787	18,395,727	24,828,034	29,111,775
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implementations and Conveyances ..	67,121,371	85,949,318	119,872,922	148,220,089
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	1,034,742	1,274,021	1,315,010	931,516
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	14,070,938	17,936,299	20,953,759	21,812,445
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,807,146	4,465,300	5,156,273	5,473,293
VIII. Clothing ..	17,458,783	19,638,286	23,634,446	23,181,403
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	45,436,266	48,516,665	53,154,567	56,842,302
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	10,080,889	11,371,496	12,971,441	13,427,479
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c. ..	4,183,018	4,648,226	4,863,463	4,061,659
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. ..	15,358,198	16,237,985	17,080,273	17,238,875
XIII. Rubber ..	3,089,764	3,055,014	3,861,465	3,647,766
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	141,324	169,337	190,238	158,434
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	2,432,047	2,788,046	4,009,285	4,665,317
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	12,214,334	11,580,892	12,509,781	13,344,520
Total ..	221,295,153	257,914,349	316,439,028	352,002,056

(a) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1942-43.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Wages(a) ..	23.80	26.31	19.41	28.48	24.22	23.91	24.56
Fuel and Light ..	3.27	2.38	2.44	3.65	5.38	4.23	3.83
Materials used ..	55.58	53.89	63.87	54.38	51.78	52.59	55.59
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses and charges ..	17.35	17.42	14.28	13.49	18.62	19.27	16.02
Total output	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	57.85	60.17	57.63	67.87	56.55	55.39	59.34

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939-40—Males ..	247.12	233.40	244.01	223.78	240.48	215.82	239.08
Females ..	107.20	113.55	98.71	90.85	99.45	97.41	108.09
1940-41—Males ..	265.35	260.54	249.92	242.30	251.14	229.34	258.77
Females ..	115.79	125.37	102.43	101.13	102.11	107.18	117.65
1941-42—Males ..	309.85	308.76	274.06	292.68	276.88	253.09	301.86
Females ..	134.96	148.57	116.88	134.47	111.89	116.55	138.44
1942-43—Males ..	344.72	344.06	308.40	313.74	304.34	290.30	335.17
Females ..	157.29	173.10	129.55	157.27	131.70	137.19	160.59

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1942-43.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	223,669	175,341	50,324	52,793	19,501	13,941	535,569
Females ..	91,855	87,017	13,967	19,955	6,312	4,369	223,475
Masculinity(a) ..	244	202	360	265	309	319	240

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

Section III.—Shipping and Commerce.

SHIPPING.—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1936-37 ..	5,440,911	833,279	6,274,190	5,611,826	725,755	6,337,581
1937-38 ..	5,911,146	1,217,258	7,128,404	6,078,499	1,014,559	7,093,058
1938-39 ..	5,964,039	746,960	6,710,999	5,989,521	845,192	6,834,713
1939-40 ..	5,609,482	856,183	6,465,665	5,533,670	1,076,291	6,609,961
1940-41 ..	4,282,622	1,096,299	5,378,921	5,148,291	741,135	5,889,426
1941-42(a) ..	4,657,455	533,031	5,190,486	4,496,127	1,103,876	5,600,003

(a) Incomplete, excludes vessels carrying war material only.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped, States. (,000 omitted.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.
1941-42.								
New South Wales ..	2,926	699	1,357	749	3,694	654	1,090	559
Victoria ..	2,676	394	1,030	813	726	360	430	516
Queensland ..	323	301	371	63	461	227	389	65
South Australia ..	1,108	263	373	85	2,614	183	544	56
Western Australia ..	232	180	538	38	53	91	376	94
Tasmania ..	316	269	51	7	551	387	29	10
Northern Territory ..	1	45	30	2	..	2	..	..
Total (a) ..	7,582	2,151	3,750	1,757	8,099	1,904	2,858	1,300
Total 1940-41 ..	7,556	2,330	2,958	1,772	7,999	1,966	4,037	1,250
" 1939-40 ..	7,031	2,339	3,721	2,495	7,141	2,078	4,781	963
" 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093
" 1937-38 ..	6,909	2,114	4,366	2,280	7,032	1,877	5,731	1,088

(a) Incomplete. Excludes cargo on vessels carrying war materials on y, details of which are not available.

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

These rates (except those marked with an asterisk) are subject to a "war-time risk" surcharge of 15 per cent.

(Expressed in sterling and subject to adjustment on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia—18 per cent. on refrigerated cargo rates and 25 per cent. on other cargo rates.)

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator) ..	..	..	..	..	5s. 8d. per box (56 lb.).
Cheese (Refrigerator) ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell) ..	..	..	..	..	168s. per ton measurement.
Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—					
Beef ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.
Lamb ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. " "
Mutton ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. " "
Rabbits and Hares ..	..	..	..	..	122s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins ..	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
Sausage Casings (dried in casks or cases) ..	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
Milk and Cream (condensed) ..	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

*Sugar (Raw) ..	..	..	..	..	153s. per ton weight.
Jams ..	..	..	..	..	85s. per ton measurement.
Jellies ..	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
Dried Fruits ..	..	..	..	..	85s. " " "
Fruits, Fresh—Apples (Refrigerator) ..	..	..	..	..	6s. per bushel case.
Oranges (bushel cases) ..	..	..	..	..	6s. " " "
*Wheat, Unprepared, Parcels ..	..	..	..	..	135s. 6d. per ton weight.
*Barley, Unprepared ..	..	..	..	..	150s. 9d. " " "
*Oats, Unprepared ..	..	..	..	..	160s. " " "
*Maize, Unprepared ..	..	..	..	..	149s. " " "
*Flour, Wheat ..	..	..	..	..	145s. 6d. " " "
*Bran ..	..	..	..	..	164s. " " "
*Pollard ..	..	..	..	..	155s. " " "
*Rice (clean, husked) ..	..	..	..	..	155s. " " "
WINE ..	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.

ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—Calf ..	..	..	..	..	¾d. per lb.
Sheep ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.
Rabbit ..	..	..	..	..	2½d. " " "
Other ..	..	..	..	..	2½d. " " "
Pearl-shell ..	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
Wool—Greasy ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.
Tops ..	..	..	..	..	2½d. " " "

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder ..	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
*Bark, Tanning ..	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton weight.
Copra ..	..	..	..	..	104s. 3d. per ton measurement.
Sandalwood ..	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
Raw Cotton (in bales) ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb. " " "

**Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and
Continent at 30th June, 1944—continued.**

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

APPAREL, TEXTILES, AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—					
Apparel and Attire	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
Binder Twine	..	..	..	..	187s. per ton weight.
OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—					
Oils, Eucalyptus	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
Other	..	..	..	..	120s. 8d. per ton weight.
Tallow, Unrefined	..	..	..	..	120s. 8d. " " "
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—					
Ore (in casks)	..	..	..	..	126s. per ton weight.
*Zinc, Ex Risdon	..	..	..	..	56s. " " "
*Other than above	..	..	..	..	81s. " " "
Dust (in cases)	..	..	..	..	252s. " " "
Sheet (in cases)	..	..	..	..	110s. " " "
*Copper	..	..	..	..	90s. " " "
*Lead	..	..	..	..	81s. " " "
*Steel, Billets (up to 20 ft.)	..	..	..	..	111s. " " "
" (over 20 and up to 30 ft.)	..	..	..	..	127s. " " "
Types	..	..	..	..	94s. 6d. " " "
Tin, Clippings in Ingot form	..	..	..	..	36s. 6d. " " "
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUB- STITUTES THEREFOR—					
Rubber	..	..	..	..	96s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Leather	..	..	..	..	234s. 3d. per ton weight.
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—					
Timber, Logs up to 40 ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	40s. per 100 super. feet.
" over 40 and up to 50 ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	43s. " " "
" over 50 and up to 60 ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	46s. 3d. " " "
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30 ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	23s. 6d. " " "
EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
STATIONERY	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—					
Fertilizers	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
MISCELLANEOUS—					
Soap	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
Casain	..	..	..	..	168s. 8d. " " "
SPECIE	..	..	..	..	2s. per cent. " " "

**INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES,
GENERAL CARGO, 30th June, 1944.**

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To.	From—					
	Brisbane.		Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Trans- shipped.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Sydney.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane .. .. .	..	..	31 0.6	..	40 6.0	..
Sydney	31 0.6	..	..	..	29 8.4	..
Melbourne	40 6.0	..	29 8.4	..	..	..
Adelaide	51 3.6	..	40 6.0	..	29 8.4	..
Fremantle	62 4.8	72 4.8	55 10.8	..	49 4.8	..
Hobart	50 8.4	65 6.0	28 7.2	..	28 7.2	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	44 2.4	51 2.4	28 7.2	..	26 0.0	..
Auckland .. .. .	..	..	46 6.0	..	46 6.0	83 8.0
Wellington .. .. .	..	..	47 6.0	..	47 6.0	84 8.0
Lyttleton .. .. .	..	..	46 6.0	83 0.0	46 6.0	83 8.0
Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	46 6.0	83 0.0	46 6.0	83 8.0
New Hebrides .. .. .	..	..	81 0.0	..	..	116 9.0
Norfolk Island .. .. .	..	..	67 6.0	..	..	103 3.0
Papua	81 0.0	..	81 0.0	..	101 3.0	..

NOTE.—The table above includes the following "war-time risk" surcharges:—30 per cent. in respect of Fremantle, Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie; 35 per cent. in respect of the remaining ports, excepting New Zealand; 12½ per cent. on 88s. 6d. plus 7½ per cent. in respect of New Zealand ports, plus 35 per cent. on 22s. where trans-shipped at Sydney.

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA IMPORTS.—MERCHANDISE.

BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

(Years 1942-43 and 1943-44 show Civil Merchandise only.)

State or Territory.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43. (a)	1943-44. (a)
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.
New South Wales	51,448,678	46,032,964	54,150,437	31,920,729	37,339,836
Victoria	41,908,342	45,529,833	59,054,017	27,052,267	26,674,880
Queensland	8,755,948	6,338,886	7,058,810	4,491,742	7,038,794
South Australia	6,717,606	5,461,204	7,459,531	3,947,270	3,776,971
Western Australia	5,511,107	4,258,954	4,556,526	2,694,932	2,680,770
Tasmania	1,272,133	943,521	842,472	956,524	639,073
Northern Territory	61,691	84,694	139,889	..	..
Total	115,675,505	108,650,056	149,355,797 (b)	71,063,464	78,350,324

(a) Civil Merchandise only. (b) Includes Governmental imports valued at £ stg. 16,093,815 for which Customs entries were not passed.

VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA EXPORTS.(a)—MERCHANDISE.

AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

(Years 1942-43 and 1943-44 show Civil Merchandise only.)

State or Territory.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43. (b)	1943-44. (b)
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
New South Wales	53,003,739	49,622,072	55,556,813	31,853,852	35,660,550
Victoria	36,431,975	36,652,733	42,622,218	27,985,350	29,552,470
Queensland	32,195,195	25,245,247	21,296,300	17,973,934	15,574,669
South Australia	15,087,279	13,196,561	14,383,781	8,034,521	10,702,550
Western Australia	9,592,321	8,436,435	10,938,963	4,386,049	7,155,727
Tasmania	2,426,235	1,559,664	1,872,469	884,487	1,037,107
Northern Territory	12,814	24,865	13,314	..	..
Total (c)	148,749,558	134,737,577	159,328,498 (d)	91,118,193	99,683,073

(a) Goods destined for overseas countries are largely transferred from one State to another for transhipment to the overseas country. In this table such goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched. (b) Civil Merchandise only. (c) Estimated British currency values are shown in the next table. (d) Includes £A.12,644,640 exported on Governmental account for which Customs entries were not passed.

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE OF, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.				
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.		
								Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.
39-40	234,497,627	115,675,505	117,280,891	1,481,231	118,762,122	33 10 2	16 10 8	16 15 3	0 4 8	16 19 6
40-41	216,224,968	108,650,056	106,015,055	1,559,857	107,574,912	30 16 9	15 9 11	15 2 5	0 4 5	15 6 10
41-42	276,564,178	149,355,797	125,714,550	1,493,831	127,208,381	38 15 0	20 18 6	17 12 4	0 4 2	17 16 6
42-43b	143,812,520	71,063,464	70,588,780	2,160,276	72,749,056	19 17 10	9 16 7	9 15 3	0 6 0	10 1 3
43-44b	157,937,608	78,350,324	78,112,399	1,474,885	79,587,284	21 12 6	10 14 7	10 13 10	0 4 1	10 17 11

(a) Excludes the value of Stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of Ships' Stores in Australian currency were:—1939-40, £2,539,848; 1940-41, £3,528,555; 1941-42, £5,791,983; 1942-43, £6,016,334; 43-44, £8,474,514. (b) Civil merchandise only.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the June quarters of 1943 and 1944, the calendar years 1942 and 1943, and the financial years 1942-43 and 1943-44.

Division.	June Quarter.		Calendar Year.		Financial Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942.	1943.	1942-43.	1943-44.
CUSTOMS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages ..	171,231	110,780	726,023	608,362	751,662	469,314
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof ..	1,329,394	1,432,167	6,846,014	5,719,184	6,754,187	5,644,023
3. Sugar ..	34	8	17,254	223	195	73
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries ..	140,353	165,541	784,711	704,036	778,099	614,036
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire ..	210,513	214,349	1,985,719	1,077,971	1,354,856	1,008,432
6. Metals and Machinery ..	220,114	317,689	1,643,939	1,155,872	1,257,692	1,265,365
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes ..	1,559,807	1,949,225	6,752,959	6,531,632	6,201,418	7,604,181
8. Earthenware, &c. ..	19,447	25,685	202,003	126,739	130,583	134,451
9. Drugs and Chemicals ..	37,313	38,838	244,499	177,194	235,108	152,894
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane ..	31,124	30,680	109,089	158,354	100,540	174,738
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods ..	78,538	72,389	347,678	318,946	330,002	329,755
12. Leather and Rubber ..	74,197	49,171	230,336	280,876	228,710	275,860
13. Paper and Stationery ..	11,986	12,815	83,265	87,096	57,204	90,768
14. Vehicles ..	19,184	7,163	257,762	62,017	132,239	38,732
15. Musical Instruments ..	83	123	2,657	226	1,332	376
16. Miscellaneous ..	137,022	118,201	765,085	638,563	697,109	535,524
Primage ..	550,642	527,102	2,833,074	2,380,571	2,409,068	2,476,838
Ships' Stores ..	8,822	7,177	32,626	38,182	35,231	33,826
Other Miscellaneous Receipts ..	23,233	28,930	120,171	121,285	117,577	116,420
Special War Duty ..	185,050	177,525	1,141,154	850,998	975,489	824,588
Total Customs ..	4,808,087	5,285,558	25,126,018	21,038,327	22,548,301	21,790,194
EXCISE.						
Beer ..	5,117,388	5,112,883	16,401,048	21,096,982	19,632,696	21,615,974
Carbonic Acid Gas ..	73,424	70,812	373,042	314,562	339,336	313,930
Cigarette Papers ..	205,555	224,546	843,337	848,113	850,381	876,630
Matches ..	316,160	284,811	841,870	1,273,578	1,141,634	1,199,508
Petrol ..	98,849	80,370	629,941	423,632	403,214	370,956
Playing Cards ..	10,501	10,808	21,594	45,969	39,549	44,381
Spirits ..	1,377,243	1,442,261	3,510,636	5,292,790	4,629,199	5,424,690
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff ..	4,170,831	4,352,983	14,697,729	16,960,040	17,030,758	17,189,269
Other Excise, including Licences, &c. ..	67,639	59,224	235,677	252,205	274,343	246,615
Total Excise ..	11,437,590	11,638,698	37,554,874	46,507,871	44,341,110	47,281,953
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections	16,245,677	16,924,256	62,680,892	67,546,198	66,889,411	69,072,147
Drawbacks and Re-payments ..	470,951	770,955	2,106,075	1,684,249	2,028,320	1,781,755
TOTAL NET REVENUE ..	15,774,726	16,153,301	60,574,817	65,861,949	64,861,091	67,290,392

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF CIVIL MERCHANDISE, IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs.
(Subject to revision).

IMPORTS (CIVIL MERCHANDISE) (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	June Quarter.	Year.
	1944.	1943-44.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Fish—		
Preserved in Tins	2,240	31,060
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c.	43,009	96,410
Meats—		
Preserved in Tins	1,546	3,162
Potted and Concentrated	18,062	45,132
Sausage Casings	22,741	42,372
Other	5	6
Milk and Cream	2,792	5,631
Other Animal Foodstuffs	1,647	6,342
Total, Class I.	92,042	230,115
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.		
Caramel and Cocoa Butter .. .. .	..	1
Cocoa and Chocolate	23,008	279,199
Coffee and Chicory	106,577	183,080
Confectionery	1,111	1,268
Fruits—		
Dried, including Dates	86	471
Fresh	588	893
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i., preserved in liquid	4	1,998
Ginger	719	2,089
Grain and Pulse—		
Unprepared	20,173	102,482
Prepared—		
Rice	33	117
Other	1,260	3,260
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	827	18,062
Liquorice	7,096	21,753
Nuts, Edible	85,887	153,526
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape	2,426	40,456
Spices	29,462	97,607
Sugar and Sugar Products	7,447	20,118
Tea	778,446	3,151,218
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	29,411	86,445
Total, Class II.	1,094,561	4,164,043
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.		
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry	44	3,025
Spirits (Beverages)—		
Gin	15	5,604
Whisky	18,504	99,695
Other, including Liqueurs	49	996
Wine—Fermented .. .. .	..	721
Total, Class III.	18,612	110,041

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (CIVIL MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.	Year.
	1944.	1943-44.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Tobacco—		
Manufactured	2	331
Unmanufactured	367,411	4,210,783
Cigars	10	333
Cigarettes	38	7,343
Total, Class IV.	367,461	4,218,790
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	6,304	31,414
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.		
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	1,405	22,111
Hair and Fibre	921	27,227
Hides and Skins—		
Calf, Cattle and Horse	34,388	176,045
Other	34,137	193,949
Silk, Raw .. .. .	..	..
Wool	1,262	48,455
Other Animal Substances	2,013	16,362
Total, Class VI.	74,126	484,149
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.		
Copra	39,844	279,364
Cork and Cork Manufactures	33,569	77,110
Fibres—		
Cotton, raw	450,340	1,117,816
Flax, Hemp, &c. .. .. .	..	93,039
Kapok .. .. .	..	3,826
Other	112,665	394,167
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture,		
Mats, &c.	1,657	24,554
Gums and Resins	185,772	576,425
Pulp for Paper-making	108,566	647,043
Seeds—		
Gardening and Horticultural	13,760	45,627
Linseed	113,542	761,132
Other	37,136	242,825
Tanning Substances	11,810	259,198
Other Vegetable Substances	2,195	4,317
Total, Class VII.	1,110,856	4,526,443
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL AND ATTIRE.		
Boots and Shoes	933	4,796
Buttons	1,538	36,130
Hats and Caps	2,445	10,548
Knitted Articles of Apparel—		
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c. .. .. .	..	30
Socks and Stockings	7	31
Trimmings and Ornaments	35,979	172,200
Other Apparel and Attire	6,959	13,809
Total, Class VIII.(a)	47,861	237,544

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (CIVIL MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.	Year.
	1944.	1943-44.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Floor Coverings	733	3,533
Costies, Cushions, D'Oyleys	92	14,851
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen	18,546	147,245
Piece Goods—		
Canvas and Duck	208,379	787,540
Cotton and Linen	1,107,999	4,843,865
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods	267,704	876,762
Lace for Attire, &c.	196	10,671
Silk, including Artificial Silk	1,252,578	4,736,326
Velvets, Plushes, &c.	48	6,356
Woollens	35,239	115,412
Other	173,571	845,980
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c.	2,087	88,657
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c.	188,935	715,595
Towels and Towelling	57,262	229,898
Other Textiles	41,891	221,092
Total, Class VIII. (b)	3,355,260	13,643,783
CLASS VIII.—(c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES AND YARNS.		
Bags and Sacks—		
Bran, Chaff and Fodder	45,897	273,825
Corn and Flour	126,909	1,615,188
Wool-packs	179,909	1,057,971
Other	9,286	38,731
Cordage and Twines	28,101	255,497
Yarns—		
Artificial Silk	279,484	1,176,271
Cotton	189,251	624,214
Wool	1,009	5,523
Other	17,212	59,877
Total, Class VIII. (c)	877,058	5,107,097
Total, Class VIII.	4,280,179	18,988,424
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.		
Fats and Waxes, &c.	36,325	232,013
Other Oils	(a)	(a)
Total, Class IX.	(a)	(a)
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.		
Paints and Colours	82,213	383,491
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	674	4,721
Total, Class X.	82,887	388,212
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.		
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch	34,440	105,395
Stones—		
Abrasives	32,017	243,005
Other	2,663	14,346
Other Minerals, &c.	99,342	577,977
Total, Class XI.	168,462	940,723

(a) Not available for publication.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (CIVIL MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.	Year.
	1944.	1943-44.
CLASS XII.—(a) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.		
Electrical Machinery, &c.—	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Batteries and Accumulators	13,408	29,641
Cable and Wire, covered	123,489	423,194
Dynamo Electric Machines	31,360	303,522
Lamps, Filament	30,592	76,959
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c. ..	74,985	443,074
Other	163,861	734,153
Machinery—		
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c.	5,705	47,884
Dairying	11,509	88,767
Metal-working	27,718	183,911
Mining	27,422	51,813
Motive-power	454,101	1,498,587
Printing	6,797	25,091
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	53,160	167,491
Machines—		
Sewing	47,890	198,713
Sheep-shearing	7,339	40,319
Weighing	6,639	25,140
Yarn and Textile-making machinery	63,189	273,747
Other Machines and Machinery	150,068	676,214
Total, Class XII. (a)	1,299,232	5,288,220
CLASS XII.—(b) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.		
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers	3,202	15,365
Leaf and Foil	16,070	56,138
Iron and Steel—		
Bars, Rods, &c.	75,530	389,186
Pipes and Tubes	41,105	136,765
Plate and Sheet—		
Plain	41,486	174,690
Tinned	890,972	3,525,907
Nails	9,519	37,696
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c.	3,505	42,184
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c.	41	465
Wire	16,439	60,280
Lamps and Lampware	31,571	123,091
Platedware and Cutlery	116,044	415,179
Tools of Trade	123,300	663,176
Cycles and Cycle Parts	62,998	231,836
Motor Cars, &c.—		
Bodies and Parts .. ..	..	52
Chassis and Parts	29,034	166,997
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c.	759	1,068
Other	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII. (b)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII.	(a)	(a)
CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.		
Crude Rubber, Waste, &c.	(a)	(a)
Rubber Manufactures—		
Boot and Apparel Elastic, Rubber Thread ..	3,950	11,843
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other	(a)	(a)
Other	10,516	25,797
Total, Class XIII. (a)	(a)	(a)

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (CIVIL MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.	Year.
	1944.	1943-44.
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Leather	3,957	30,481
Leather Manufactures, &c. .. .	3,353	13,695
Total, Class XIII. (b) .. .	7,310	44,176
Total, Class XIII. .. .	(a)	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.		
Timber—		
Dressed	9,385	24,025
Undressed	48,601	449,457
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	15,015	68,598
Total, Class XIV. .. .	73,001	542,080
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS.		
Crockery and Household Ware	97,383	334,200
Glass and Glassware	54,590	257,092
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stone-ware	13,864	99,075
Total, Class XV. .. .	165,837	690,367
CLASS XVI.—(a) PAPER.		
Millboards and other boards	9,196	119,056
Parchment	40,671	116,349
Printing	249,884	756,251
Wrapping	18,536	179,780
Writing and Typewriting	35,883	391,052
Other	86,147	391,231
Total, Class XVI. (a) .. .	440,317	1,953,719
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.		
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	187,644	1,074,244
Price Lists, Circulars, &c.	1,838	9,687
Paperhangings and Wallpapers	3	112
Pens and Pencils	18,101	115,363
Other Stationery	47,725	264,821
Total, Class XVI. (b) .. .	255,311	1,464,227
Total, Class XVI. .. .	695,628	3,417,946
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, ETC.		
Fancy Goods—		
Articles for games	3,980	10,895
Toys, &c.	21,162	91,609
Jewellery—		
Pearls, Cameos, &c.	130	125,273
Other	1,634	6,787
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c.	25,859	212,446
Total, Class XVII. .. .	52,765	447,010

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (CIVIL MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.	Year.
	1944.	1943-44.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.		
	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	72,226	370,561
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c.	18,912	125,606
Surgical and Dental Instruments	127,082	583,810
Phonographs, &c.	5,281	21,578
Other Instruments	30,631	138,973
Total, Class XVIII.	254,132	1,240,528
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.		
Acids	26,265	88,056
Argol . . . . .	..	10,244
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes	173	704
Cyanides of Potassium	25,948	56,346
Drugs, Medicinal Preparations—		
Proprietary Medicines	108,766	332,609
Other	45,218	202,329
Dyes	51,923	628,920
Fertilizers	214,806	858,184
Insecticides, Washes and Dips	22,223	129,972
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous)	40,605	176,118
Perfumery and Preparations	12,905	74,650
Potassium, Carbonate, Chlorates, &c.	17,270	60,298
Salt	933	11,173
Sodium Salts—		
Carbonate (Soda Ash)	39,039	193,080
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)	1,937	9,010
Other	56,387	221,205
Spirituous Preparations—		
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices, Syrups	8,046	81,172
Other	5,489	9,574
Sulphur (Brimstone)	25,090	118,338
Other Drugs and Chemicals	177,904	966,179
Total, Class XIX.	880,927	4,228,161
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.		
Articles of Celluloid, &c.	2,010	95,721
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c.	248	1,157
Brushware	4,939	..
Goods imported per parcel post	202,784	545,585
Musical Instruments, &c.	753	4,638
Oilmen's Stores	37,226	40,612
Outside Packages	1,087,534	3,971,457
Soap	1,950	11,320
All other Articles	45,524	226,036
Total, Class XX.	(a)	(a)
Grand Total—CIVIL MERCHANDISE	17,390,419	78,350,324

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

	£A.	£A.
Grand Total—CIVIL MERCHANDISE	21,781,499	98,133,781

(a) Not available for publication.

EXPORTS (CIVIL MERCHANDISE) (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	June Quarter.	Year.
	1944.	1943-44.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.	£A.	£A.
Butter	782,733	6,313,191
Butter Fat (dry) .. .. .	..	2,285
Butter Substitutes	632	29,678
Cheese	59,369	376,644
Eggs	63,234	240,621
Meats—		
Bacon and Hams	121,211	320,344
Mutton, Dehydrated	78,896	353,126
Potted or Concentrated	9,031	25,184
Preserved by Cold Process—		
Beef	36,974	546,761
Lamb	273,027	3,847,273
Mutton	74,418	352,110
Pork	221,726	515,038
Rabbits and Hares	430	18,058
Preserved in Tins	252,756	1,253,651
Sausage Casings.. .. .	71,851	412,426
Other	73,752	381,287
Milk and Cream	140,535	878,488
Other Animal Foodstuffs	44,456	67,834
Total, Class I.	2,305,031	15,933,999
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.		
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory,		
Fruit Juices, &c.	75,421	276,152
Biscuits	21,312	126,482
Confectionery	24,236	330,115
Fodders	22,729	85,220
Fruits, Dried—		
Currants	271,450	706,377
Raisins	807,891	2,425,675
Other	1,066	16,659
Fruits, Fresh—		
Apples	1,198	8,124
Citrus	9,770	247,482
Other	45	5,993
Fruits, preserved in liquid	19,405	216,739
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped .. .. .	..	6,116
Grain and Pulse—		
Unprepared—		
Barley	58,132	89,621
Wheat	2,065,925	2,832,137
Other	33,588	85,307
Prepared—		
Bran, Pollard and Sharps	16,732	74,130
Flour (Wheaten)	1,977,703	6,385,683
Rice	139,477	284,180
Other	84,367	333,128
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	1,095	6,547
Jams and Fruit Jellies	7,777	46,928
Sugar	366,106	1,345,390
Tea	3,541	13,994
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs.. .. .	59,391	224,239
Total, Class II.	6,068,357	16,172,418

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS (CIVIL MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1944.		1943-44.	
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.	£A.		£A.	
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry	80,932		332,124	
Spirits (Beverages)	142,812		522,116	
Wine	85,458		418,004	
Total, Class III.	309,202		1,272,244	
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	22,969		250,780	
Tobacco	43,921		315,150	
Total, Class IV.	66,890		565,930	
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	2,554		3,362	
Horses	8,994		25,753	
Sheep	1,486		2,700	
Other Animals	4,129		7,462	
Total, Class V.	17,163		39,277	
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	18,889		61,412	
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	59,723		284,037	
Fox	2,637		272,389	
Kangaroo and Wallaby	32,523		260,971	
Opossum	3,542		37,593	
Rabbit	998,131		4,491,499	
Sheep	240,309		1,271,189	
Other	7,951		65,878	
Pearl-shell .. ..	..		117	
Trochus-shell	4,771		17,415	
Wool—				
Greasy	8,229,603		31,782,246	
Scoured and Tops	1,865,433		9,535,074	
Other Animal Substances	4,523		24,000	
Total, Class VI.	11,468,035		48,103,820	
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Fibres—				
Cotton, raw .. ..	..		568	
Other	71,335		367,587	
Seeds	67,933		200,183	
Tanning Substances	5,053		46,836	
Other Vegetable Substances	7,060		41,818	
Total, Class VII.	151,381		656,992	

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS (CIVIL MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.	Year.
	1944.	1943-44.
CLASS VIII.—APPAREL AND ATTIRE; TEXTILES; MANUFACTURED FIBRES.		
Boots and Shoes	£A. 9,605	£A. 42,682
Other Apparel and Attire	12,943	116,152
Piece Goods	69,349	211,321
Other Textiles	14,347	93,819
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns	35,791	239,874
Total, Class VIII.	142,035	703,848
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.		
Fats and Waxes	12,267	110,438
Tallow, unrefined	237,413	903,978
Other	(a)	(a)
Total, Class IX.	(a)	(a)
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES		
	22,797	101,661
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.		
Coal	46,907	181,551
Ores and Concentrates—		
Silver and Silver Lead	206,606	604,214
Zinc	153,170	1,124,899
Other	93,685	424,964
Other Stones and Minerals	19,443	111,621
Total, Class XI.	519,811	2,447,249
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.		
Machines and Machinery	189,643	920,608
Iron and Steel	125,012	767,214
Lead—Pig and in Matte	776,574	3,158,236
Tin Ingots	(a)	(a)
Vehicles	41,236	161,514
Zinc Bars, Blocks, &c.	274,511	1,203,490
Other Metals and Manufactures	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII.	1,531,416	6,766,887
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.		
Rubber and Manufactures	(a)	(a)
Leather	108,690	499,705
Leather Manufactures, &c.	9,464	48,430
Total, Class XIII.	(a)	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.		
Timber	72,940	267,251
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	18,413	67,373
Total, Class XIV.	91,353	334,624
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONE- WARE		
	26,931	179,726

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS (CIVIL MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.	Year.
	1944.	1943-44.
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.	£A.	£A.
Paper	4,853	36,637
Stationery	57,765	244,777
Total, Class XVI.	62,618	281,414
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIMEPIECES AND FANCY GOODS.		
Precious Stones—Unset—Pearls, Cameos, &c... ..	2,637	10,559
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c.	7,645	100,805
Total, Class XVII.	10,282	111,364
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.		
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	6,264	33,657
Photographic Goods, &c.	15,281	37,508
Talking Machines, &c.	8,321	25,720
Other Instruments	8,233	29,861
Total, Class XVIII.	38,099	126,746
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.		
Casein	1,377	2,846
Fertilizers	2,815	14,579
Medicines	48,548	153,985
Oils—		
Essential (non-spirituous), n.e.i.	788	2,936
Eucalyptus	23,013	124,148
Perfumery and Preparations	90,868	252,278
Other Drugs and Chemicals	80,626	464,899
Total, Class XIX.	248,035	1,015,671
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.		
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	4,478	21,588
Oilmen's Stores	18,222	123,752
Personal and Household Effects	16,810	63,423
Soap	107,930	293,365
Goods Exported per parcel post	3,147	17,967
All other Articles	116,673	732,499
Total, Class XX.	(a)	(a)
Total { Australian Produce	23,663,839	97,835,780
{ Other Produce	121,239	1,847,293
GRAND TOTAL—CIVIL MERCHANDISE	23,785,078	99,683,073

ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
GRAND TOTAL—CIVIL MERCHANDISE	18,990,082	79,587,284

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Section IV.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Receipts.

Sources of Revenue.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
TAXATION—					
Customs	34,830	29,410	25,209	20,806	20,607
Excise	18,995	24,370	31,572	44,072	46,685
Sales Tax	12,196	19,793	26,830	28,846	27,909
Flour Tax	2,486	1,499	1,652	1,709	1,940
Land Tax	1,646	3,191	3,691	3,873	3,819
Income Tax (a)	16,430	43,305	77,564	141,027	183,799
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	..	..	8,963	10,451	10,903
Gold Tax	1,215	1,452	1,030	525	318
Estate Duty	2,213	2,364	2,845	2,696	2,761
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	..	..	..	2,994	4,704
Gift Duty .. .. .	..	..	80	145	222
Total Taxation	90,011	125,384	179,436	257,144	303,667
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,897	19,075	21,639	24,391	26,679
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	368	462	694	1,226	1,027
Central Australia	147	244	742	1,584	1,737
North Australia	61	186	306	792	823
Australian Capital Territory	12	8	5	15	15
Total Railways	588	900	1,747	3,617	3,602
Total Business Undertakings	18,485	19,975	23,386	28,008	30,281
TERRITORIES	415	507	492	447	482
OTHER REVENUE—					
Interest (b)	1,150	1,186	997	1,081	1,166
Coinage	181	753	868	2,589	2,028
Defence	167	304	835	1,490	202
Civil Aviation	11	138	185	401	770
Health	16	14	114	14	24
Patents, Trade Marks, Copyrights	62	57	55	58	67
Bankruptcy	36	32	25	23	17
Commerce—					
Wool levy (c)	84	84	86	82	81
Other	2	3	37	258	38
Marine	145	134	133	101	127
Net Profit, Note Issue	986	1,462	1,658	2,248	2,629
Balance of Trust Accounts .. .. .	..	31	1,600	218	127
Other.. .. .	163	418	134	297	432
Total	3,003	4,616	6,727	8,860	7,758
Grand Total	111,914	150,482	210,041	294,459	342,188
PER HEAD (d)—					
Taxation	£ s. d. 12 17 4	£ s. d. 17 14 9	£ s. d. 25 2 10	£ s. d. 35 14 5	£ s. d. 41 15 10
Business Undertakings	2 12 10	2 16 6	3 5 6	3 17 10	4 3 4
Other.. .. .	0 9 9	0 14 7	1 0 3	1 5 10	1 2 8
Total	15 19 11	21 5 10	29 8 7	40 18 1	47 1 10

(a) Includes War-time (Company) Tax.

(b) Excludes balance of interest on States' debts (payable by States).

(c) For Publicity and Research.

(d) Based on mean population of each financial year.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Expenditure.

Departments, &c.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
War and Repatriation (1914-19) Services—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange..	9,600	9,569	9,682	9,384	9,313
War Pensions	8,147	8,042	7,909	8,346	9,267
Repatriation	923	845	829	860	902
Other	165	147	198	141	122
Total, War, &c.	18,835	18,603	18,618	18,721	19,604
Defence and War (1939-44) Services—					
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange	573	2,640	7,112	15,119	24,762
War Pensions .. .. .	..	..	207	662	1,737
Other	24,311	63,041	101,915	143,697	141,344
Total, Defence, War, &c. ..	24,884	65,681	109,234	159,478	167,843
Total Cost of Departments (a)—					
Governor-General	31	30	31	29	32
Parliament	450	548	473	437	599
Prime Minister and External Territories	1,510	1,283	1,350	1,384	1,623
External Affairs	118	142	200	216	251
Treasury	2,485	2,425	2,949	3,564	3,779
Attorney-General	276	297	319	351	387
Interior	1,257	963	955	917	881
Civil Aviation	494	392	337	360	360
Trade and Customs	1,033	963	956	872	816
Health	289	296	300	386	379
Commerce and Agriculture	954	911	976	1,022	1,034
Social Services	178	162	282	393	412
Supply and Shipping	217	229	241	246	275
Business Undertakings (a)—					
Postmaster-General.. .. .	15,286	15,877	17,528	19,939	22,481
Railways	1,472	1,508	1,996	2,726	3,069
Territories (a)—					
Australian Capital Territory	656	679	698	677	698
Northern Territory	383	462	520	329	302
Papua	49	86	39	5	5
New Guinea	6	7	17	2	2
Norfolk Island	4	4	6	5	4
Total, Territories	1,098	1,238	1,280	1,018	1,011
New Works (b)	3,036	3,212	3,305	3,961	4,677
Invalid and Old-age Pensions	16,459	17,366	19,257	22,293	21,699
Child Endowment .. .. .	..	..	11,303	11,660	12,257
Widows' Pensions .. .. .	..	..	..	2,359	2,801
Maternity Allowances	417	407	358	281	2,287
Funeral Benefit .. .. .	..	..	..	..	105
Balance—National Welfare Fund .. ..	..	..	..	..	25,525
Payments to or for States—					
Interest on States' Debts	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585
Sinking Fund on States' Debts	1,536	1,557	1,580	1,588	1,578
Special Grants	2,020	2,050	2,300	2,176	2,470
Grants for Federal Aid Roads	4,456	3,484	2,128	1,603	1,487
Income Tax Reimbursement .. .. .	..	..	..	26,432	32,047
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement ..	..	..	..	574	766
Other Grants	100	250	138	140	127
Total to or for States (c)	15,697	14,926	13,731	40,097	46,060
Relief to Primary Producers	2,509	3,023	4,063	(d) 1,709	(d) 1,941
Grand Total	108,985	150,482	210,041	294,459	342,188
Per head of Population (e)	£15 11 9	£21 5 10	£29 8 7	£40 18 1	£47 1 10

(a) Includes interest and sinking fund payments.

(b) Excludes Defence and War (1939-44) Services.

(c) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States).

(d) In addition, £3,085,000 was provided under War Services during 1942-43, and £12,322,000 during 1943-44.

(e) Based on mean population for each financial year.

Commonwealth Expenditure from General Loan Fund.

Particulars.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	Total to 30th June, 1944.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Defence and War (1939-44) Services— General Services, Works, &c. ..	28,814	101,581	210,877	402,852	377,157	1,121,281
Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites ..	..	..	..	..	..	8,694
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works ..	..	..	..	..	..	214
Ships, Yards and Docks ..	Cr. 14	Cr. 3	..	..	..	7,863
Lighthouses, Works and Services ..	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	634
River Murray Waters Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department—						
Telegraph and Telephone Con- struction ..	1,733	1,689	940	..	..	36,057
Buildings, Works, Sites, &c. ..	120	221	245	..	..	4,080
Subscription to Capital of Amalga- mated Wireless Ltd. ..	..	..	..	..	..	300
Radio Stations and Equipment ..	30	3	15	..	..	104
Serum and Health Laboratories ..	..	..	..	..	..	80
Other Health Buildings and Services ..	..	..	Cr. 1	..	..	22
Reparation Buildings, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	47
War Service Homes (a) ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways ..	..	Cr. 2	Cr. 18	Cr. 35	Cr. 10	13,816
Territories (b) ..	Cr. 11	Cr. 4	Cr. 7	Cr. 5	Cr. 6	8,812
Other ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,062
Assistance to States—						
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 66	Cr. 45	Cr. 6	Cr. 6	(c) 223	2,667
Mining ..	..	..	..	..	..	284
Forestry ..	..	..	..	..	..	322
Farmers' Debt Adjustment ..	750	500	165	235	..	7,967
Roads ..	..	..	..	..	..	250
Wire and Wire Netting ..	..	..	..	..	..	609
Drought Relief ..	..	1,270	597	Cr. 23	..	1,844
Wheat Bounty ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. ..	2,541	3,628	1,929	165	206	110,593
GRAND TOTAL ..	31,355	105,209	212,806	403,017	377,363	1,231,874

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24.

(b) Includes Administration and other Public Buildings, A.C.T.

(c) Adjustment of credits of previous years.

Loans Raised in Australia during War (1939-44) at 30th June, 1944.

(Excludes Conversion Loans.)

Period of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Amount Subscribed.		Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			For War.	For other Purposes.		
1/12/39 ..	£'000. 12,000	C'with. Bank	£'000. 2,000	£'000. 10,000	% 3½	1942, 1943, 1944
1/3/40 to 15/3/40 ..	18,000	14,339	7,676	10,489	3½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
29/5/40 to 14/6/40 ..	20,000	32,792	20,582	..	2½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
28/11/40 to 14/12/40 ..	28,000	21,830	20,505	8,000	2½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
30/4/41 to 19/5/41 ..	35,000	57,217	27,871	8,000	2½, 3½	1946, 1950-56
7/10/41 to 15/11/41 ..	30,000	83,378	34,159	..	2½, 3½	1945-46, 1950-57
17/2/42 to 10/3/42 ..	35,000	244,589	48,331	..	2½, 3½	1945-46, 1950-58
2/6/42 to 23/6/42 ..	35,000	196,513	37,374	..	2½, 3½	1946-47, 1950-58
3/11/42 to 15/12/42 ..	77,300	454,865	82,668	..	2½, 3½	1946-47, 1950-58
16/3/43 to 20/4/43 ..	100,000	432,555	101,808	..	2½, 3½	1947-48, 1950-59
5/10/43 to 9/11/43 ..	125,000	567,695	126,411	..	2½, 3½	1947-48, 1950-59
28/3/44 to 9/5/44 ..	150,000	451,821	150,538	..	2½, 3½	1948-49, 1950-60
Total ..	665,300	2,557,594	(a) 659,923	36,489	..	..

(a) In addition, £8,653,000 raised for Defence purposes prior to 3rd September, 1939, was used for War purposes.

NOTE.—For a summary of loan liability, War (1939-44), as at 30th June, 1944, see following table.

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE
AT 30th JUNE, 1944.**

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£'000 (Aust.)	£'000 (Stg.)	£'000 (a)	£'000 (b)
War (1914-19)	164,628	90,744	..	255,372
War (1939-44)—				
Stock and Bonds	645,691	5,775	..	651,466
Advance Loan Subscrip- tions	3,816	..	..	3,816
National Savings Bonds ..	1,792	..	..	1,792
National Savings Stamps	83	..	..	83
Citizens' National Emer- gency Loans	6,005	347	..	6,352
War Savings Certificates	43,721	..	..	43,721
War Savings Stamps ..	477	..	..	477
Treasury Bills, Internal ..	53,396	..	..	53,396
Treasury Bills, Public ..	343,280	..	..	343,280
Total	1,098,261	6,122	..	1,104,383
Works and other Purposes	36,190	64,362	15,791	116,343
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	1,299,079	161,228	15,791	1,476,098
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£177 17 2	£22 1 6	£2 3 3	£202 1 11
State—				
Debts of the States	491,840	373,505	25,415	890,760
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£67 10 6	£51 5 7	£3 9 9	£122 5 10
Total Public Debt	1,790,919	534,733	41,206	2,366,858
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£245 4 0	£73 4 3	£5 12 10	£324 1 1

INTEREST PAYABLE.

Commonwealth—	£ (Aust.)	£ (Stg.)	£(a)	£(d)
War (1914-19)	6,331,464	(e)426,008	..	6,757,472
War (1939-44)	26,583,590	231,000	..	26,814,590
Works and other Purposes	1,029,891	2,620,097	771,780	4,421,768
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	33,944,945	3,277,105	771,780	37,993,830
Average Rate per cent. (f)	£2 12 6	£4 0 9	£4 17 9	£2 14 8
State—				
Debts of the States	16,622,757	14,310,933	1,262,936	32,196,626
Average Rate per cent. ..	£3 7 7	£3 16 8	£4 19 5	£3 12 3
Grand Total	50,567,702	17,588,038	2,034,716	70,190,456
Average Rate per cent.(f) ..	£2 16 8	£3 17 4	£4 18 9	£3 1 7

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.).

(b) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated.

(c) Based on estimated aggregate population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) and of the six States at 30th June, 1944.

(d) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(e) Excludes suspended interest £3,919,774 on War Debt (£79,724,220) due to British Government.

(f) Interest Free Loans excluded when calculating rate.

AVERAGE VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN NOTES HELD BY THE BANKS AND BY THE PUBLIC.

Particulars.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total Note Issue.	Reserve.	
				Amount. (a)	Percentage on total circulation.
	£	£	£	£'000.	%
1939 (b)	14,403,826	35,180,843	49,590,169	16,030	32.4
1940 (b)	13,927,376	44,444,954	58,372,330	16,269	28.1
1941 (b)	14,318,069	55,069,055	69,387,124	18,559	26.8
1942 (b)	14,879,107	88,189,429	103,068,536	26,777	25.9
1943 (b)	15,456,884	126,935,667	142,392,551	36,518	25.7
1944 (c)—January	14,440,427	148,812,641	163,262,068	41,793	25.6
February	15,756,895	152,255,173	168,012,068	43,043	25.6
March	15,582,875	161,179,193	176,762,068	45,543	25.8
April	16,766,338	166,495,730	183,262,068	46,793	25.5
May	15,891,443	168,620,625	184,512,068	48,043	26.0
June	15,253,829	174,258,239	189,512,068	49,293	26.0

(a) Includes English sterling.
Monday in each month.

(b) Average of twelve monthly statements.

(c) On last

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING AT UNDERMENTIONED DATES.

Denomination.	24th June, 1940.	30th June, 1941.	29th June, 1942.	28th June, 1943.	26th June, 1944.
	£	£	£	£	£
10s.	4,520,801	4,827,786	5,642,282	6,589,003	7,874,881
£1	24,901,349	28,580,257	40,193,723	48,732,250	59,080,577
£5	16,219,545	19,356,165	34,579,150	50,948,885	63,777,730
£10	9,080,850	9,072,290	14,163,860	23,319,440	44,440,940
£20	85,820	73,040	62,020	57,140	50,240
£50	2,259,250	2,091,300	2,773,200	3,443,150	3,812,300
£100	3,605,600	3,184,200	3,880,800	4,873,500	5,053,400
£1,000	202,000	679,000	1,319,000	393,000	422,000
Held by banks	13,936,977	14,044,234	16,125,894	14,491,985	15,253,829
„ public	46,938,233	53,819,804	86,488,144	123,864,383	174,258,239
Total	60,875,215	67,864,038	102,614,038	138,356,368	189,512,068
Reserve(a) {	Gold	393,136	74,839	74,133	73,780
	English Sterling ..	15,688,392	17,630,183	26,536,433	35,067,683
	Total	16,081,528	17,705,022	26,610,566	35,141,463
	Percentage on circulation	26.42	26.09	25.93	25.40
					26.01

(a) Valued in Australian currency.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1944.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1944.		Pensions paid during 1943-44. (a)	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total Old-age and Invalid.	Old-age.	Inva- lid.	Old-age.	Inva- lid.	Amount. £	Per head of Popn. (b)
	No.	No.	No.			s. d.	s. d.		s. d.
New South Wales(c)	104,414	26,234	130,648	361	91	51 11	52 11	8,866,699	61 8
Victoria	69,156	12,446	81,602	346	62	51 11	52 5	5,787,208	53 1
Queensland	33,247	8,348	42,095	314	83	52 1	52 10	2,802,973	53 2
South Australia(d)	22,394	4,333	26,727	357	69	50 10	51 11	1,844,328	59 1
Western Australia	18,109	3,443	21,552	376	72	51 3	52 5	1,508,169	63 1
Tasmania	9,866	2,638	12,504	406	109	51 4	52 5	889,723	73 8
Total	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	51 9	52 8	21,699,100	59 9

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year.

(c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T. (e) Includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. Excludes £105,336 funeral benefits in respect of deaths of pensioners.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population.(a)		Pensions Payments during Year. (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension. (a)
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total.	Old-age.	Invalid.		
	No.	No.	No.			£	s. d.
1911 ..	75,502	7,451	82,953	168	17	1,847,440	19 1
1912 ..	79,071	10,763	89,834	170	23	2,149,659	19 0
1913 ..	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,301,675	19 6
1914 ..	87,780	16,865	104,645	177	34	2,592,201	19 5
1915 ..	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19 5
1916 ..	91,783	23,489	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19 4
1917 ..	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,554,135	24 3
1918 ..	95,337	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,793,037	24 3
1919 ..	95,989	31,999	127,968	185	62	3,936,626	24 2
1920 ..	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	29 1
1921 ..	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	28 9
1922 ..	105,096	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,380,034	28 9
1923 ..	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	70	5,424,016	28 9
1924 ..	113,054	42,617	155,671	195	73	6,523,881	33 9
1925 ..	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,905	33 8
1926 ..	126,913	48,803	175,721	210	80	8,252,387	38 7
1927 ..	133,234	52,399	185,633	215	85	9,144,589	38 6
1928 ..	139,367	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,790,346	38 5
1929 ..	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	38 5
1930 ..	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	38 5
1931 ..	172,177	68,343	240,520	264	104	11,710,953	38 4
1932 ..	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,125,956	33 3
1933 ..	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,061	31 10
1934 ..	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	109	10,963,090	33 8
1935 ..	197,126	76,852	273,978	293	114	11,762,030	33 7
1936 ..	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,726	34 8
1937 ..	216,690	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,998,793	36 8
1938 ..	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	15,798,687	38 6
1939 ..	232,386	88,812	321,148	335	128	15,991,782	38 5
1940(d) ..	272,396	58,696	331,092	388	84	16,459,245	38 6
1941 ..	276,760	58,921	335,681	390	83	17,366,365	(c) 41 5
1942 ..	275,456	60,597	336,053	386	85	19,257,025	(c) 48 4
1943 ..	267,239	58,081	325,320	371	81	22,292,835	(c) 51 1
1944 ..	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	21,699,100	(c) 51 11

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (c) Increases, including retail price adjustment since December, 1940, are as follows: 2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December, 1941; 1s. April, 1942; 2s. July, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. January, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943. Rate £2 14s. 0d. from 19th August, 1943. Adjustments are no longer made on the retail price index numbers. (d) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pensions list.

CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

State.	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Number per 10,000 of population.		Amount paid during 1943-44.	
			Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)
	No.	No.			£	s. d.
New South Wales (c) ..	198,651	359,373	687	1,243	4,861,657	33 11
Victoria ..	128,381	220,884	641	1,104	3,014,497	30 3
Queensland ..	78,378	148,021	739	1,396	2,009,059	37 11
South Australia (d) ..	41,286	70,524	658	1,124	953,589	30 7
Western Australia ..	37,664	66,938	783	1,391	915,962	38 4
Tasmania ..	18,780	37,837	773	1,557	502,212	41 7
Total 1943-44 ..	593,140	993,577	689	1,237	12,256,976	33 9
1942-43 ..	491,121	891,221	681	1,236	11,659,626	32 6

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—18,396 at 30th June, 1944; 16,938 at 30th June, 1943. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944. (a)

State.	Pensions Current. (b)		Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Four-weekly rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during 1943-44.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per head of Population.
			No.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.
New South Wales(c) ..	16,380	57	7,344	5 11 0	1,147,544	7 11
Victoria ..	11,967	60	3,684	5 2 11	787,034	7 11
Queensland ..	6,181	58	2,442	5 6 6	363,776	6 11
South Australia (d) ..	3,358	54	1,084	5 2 11	213,086	6 10
Western Australia ..	2,796	58	881	5 3 0	180,802	7 7
Tasmania ..	1,530	63	672	5 6 8	108,459	8 11
Total 1943-44 ..	42,212	58	16,107	5 6 8	2,800,701	7 8
1942-43 ..	38,402	53	16,214	5 5 0	2,358,998	6 7

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942.

(b) Excludes eight (1943-44) and six (1942-43) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylums.

(c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCE.

Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1938 ..	30,440	20,160	12,660	6,656	5,026	4,029	29	79,000	400,004
1939 ..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,940	42	80,916	436,614
1940 ..	29,700	19,660	12,290	7,009	4,774	3,883	36	77,352	416,964
1941 ..	28,540	19,150	12,481	6,831	4,775	3,877	38	75,692	407,533
1942 ..	24,481	16,120	12,113	5,724	4,320	3,620	13	66,391	353,538
1943 ..	19,182	11,874	9,651	4,197	4,025	3,018	9	51,956	281,052
1944 (b) ..	57,792	38,653	23,743	12,636	10,439	5,804	(c)	149,067	2,286,999
Totals since 10.10.12	1,398,941	919,741	531,130	307,317	226,164	152,583	1,124	3,537,000	19,001,944

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Under new provisions operating from 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished and the rates increased as follows:—(i) no other surviving children under 14—£4 10s. to £5; (ii) One or two other surviving children—£5 to £6; (iii) three or more other surviving children—£7 10s. unchanged. An allowance has also been provided of £1 5s. per week for the four weeks immediately preceding and succeeding birth of child. (c) Included with South Australia.

WAR PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1943.

Place.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.			
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
New South Wales	28,518	10,465	39,022	78,005	2 7 11	1 5 2	1 13 6	
Victoria.. ..	25,921	9,251	36,583	71,755	2 3 4	1 3 11	1 10 11	
Queensland ..	9,229	3,098	13,012	25,339	2 9 10	1 3 10	1 13 4	
South Australia ..	5,187	2,801	7,093	15,081	2 8 6	1 8 4	1 15 4	
Western Australia	7,138	2,764	10,343	20,245	2 7 4	1 5 1	1 12 11	
Tasmania ..	3,456	1,221	5,775	10,452	3 1 8	1 2 10	1 15 8	
United Kingdom ..	1,493	1,615	2,141	5,249	2 13 7	1 16 2	2 1 1	
Elsewhere ..	298	118	311	727	2 3 9	1 9 1	1 15 1	
Total 1942-43 ..	81,240	31,333	114,280	226,853	2 7 4	1 5 0	1 13 0	
1941-42 ..	76,641	27,679	116,019	220,339	1 19 8	0 19 1	1 6 3	

SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1943.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Pensions Current—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Old-age (Members of Forces) ..	1,623	1,159	674	301	440	73	4,270
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces	1,022	834	773	414	452	200	3,695
Dependants ..	1,186	1,057	795	459	459	265	4,221
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces	229	112	34	27	40	10	452
Dependants ..	305	147	64	51	63	16	646
Total 1942-43 ..	4,365	3,309	2,340	1,252	1,454	564	13,234
1941-42 ..	4,661	3,354	2,649	1,392	1,561	629	14,246
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	2 4 3	2 3 11	2 5 3	2 5 5	2 1 2	2 2 7	2 4 1
Dependants ..	1 7 7	1 8 6	1 7 4	1 8 5	1 8 6	1 5 4	1 7 10
All Pensioners 1942-43	1 18 7	1 18 4	1 18 8	1 18 6	1 16 7	1 14 0	1 18 1
1941-42	1 14 6	1 14 8	1 14 4	1 13 10	1 14 2	1 8 1	1 14 1

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

(i) WAR PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	2,661,271	2,674,462	2,618,564	2,560,477	2,576,241	2,897,870
Victoria ..	2,334,448	2,353,107	2,317,417	2,252,227	2,255,233	2,497,300
Queensland ..	874,372	890,710	873,635	853,757	846,584	943,691
South Australia ..	493,255	497,230	497,743	485,919	494,166	575,168
Western Australia ..	689,528	696,833	685,019	671,457	668,617	752,885
Tasmania ..	397,199	403,747	404,154	396,814	393,406	434,228
Elsewhere ..	310,634	303,200	285,714	267,880	267,664	265,854
Total ..	7,761,207	7,819,289	7,682,246	7,488,531	7,501,911	8,366,996

(ii) SERVICE PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	96,327	118,443	148,599	162,935	185,315	213,173
Victoria ..	84,365	103,292	118,577	126,976	140,916	163,116
Queensland ..	57,543	72,717	80,364	83,088	106,120	119,032
South Australia ..	45,023	51,474	54,277	57,758	60,105	61,953
Western Australia ..	36,344	46,044	51,851	55,783	64,652	73,503
Tasmania ..	10,254	15,157	13,695	19,564	22,543	24,332
Elsewhere ..	10	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	329,871	407,127	472,263	511,103	579,656	660,109

(a) Includes 1939-43 War—1940-41, £18,772, 1941-42, £207,324, 1942-43, £659,384.

1939-44 War—£2,314.

b) Includes

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1942-43.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income.	Number of Taxpayers.	Tax Assessed.	Amount per Taxpayer.	Percentage on Total Tax Assessed.
	No.	£	£ s. d.	%
Individuals—				
Under £201	202,510	998,515	4 18 8	0.7
£201 to £500	1,096,668	25,055,290	22 16 11	18.6
£501 to £1,000	149,422	14,668,404	98 3 5	10.9
£1,001 and over	47,878	42,504,616	887 15 5	31.6
Total Individuals	1,496,478	83,226,825	55 12 4	61.8
Companies	15,019	(b)51,493,480	3,428 11 1	38.2
GRAND TOTAL .. ..	..	134,720,305	..	100.0

(a) Assessed on income for year 1941-42. (b) Includes Super Tax, £3,207,756, War-time (Company) Tax, £3,285,816, and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £9,236,322.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment year—				
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—					
Resident Owners	21,028	20,956	21,395	21,959	21,921
Absentee Owners	2,584	2,559	2,365	2,562	2,450
TOTAL	23,612	23,515	23,760	24,521	24,371
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—	£	£	£	£	£
Resident	225,774,692	223,207,419	234,273,013	244,512,737	244,222,515
Absentee	1,999,905	2,047,766	1,892,564	1,685,096	1,444,489
TOTAL	227,774,597	230,255,185	236,165,577	246,197,833	245,667,004
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident	257,346,942	257,277,026	272,109,061	277,242,136	275,288,688
Absentee	2,167,995	2,196,814	2,080,107	1,991,916	1,580,307
TOTAL	259,514,937	259,473,840	274,189,168	279,234,052	276,868,995
TAX ASSESSED ON—					
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	924,749	1,045,591	1,195,246	2,453,928	2,897,198
Absentee Owners ..	10,082	10,673	11,324	20,509	20,333
TOTAL	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570	2,474,437	2,917,531
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	339,487	372,713	388,763	784,293	889,928
Absentee Owners ..	3,267	3,342	4,248	6,113	5,204
TOTAL	342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406	895,132
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,584,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners ..	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622	25,537
TOTAL	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581	3,264,843	3,812,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED ac.	557,636,000	556,695,994	556,131,125	563,556,163	562,701,713
ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND per ac.	1.427d.	1.592d.	1.680d.	2.985d.	3.426d.

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1942-43.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
	No.	£	£	£
£ 1- 1,000	2,704	6,131,107	1,122,238	33,639
1,001- 2,000	1,403	4,877,652	2,051,688	59,995
2,001- 3,000	883	4,122,043	2,176,643	64,287
3,001- 4,000	578	3,252,959	2,010,544	59,980
4,001- 5,000	406	2,807,917	1,807,107	53,959
5,001-10,000	1,008	9,556,545	6,900,013	207,185
10,001-20,000	620	10,487,706	8,534,642	364,264
20,001-50,000	301	11,379,829	8,933,008	731,432
50,001 and over	71	8,333,658	5,998,847	1,123,541
Total	7,874	60,999,416	39,534,730	2,698,232

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1942-43.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable in each month.—Australia.(a)

Year 1941-42.

Quarter Ended.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods. (b)	Taxable Sales.(b)							Sales Tax Payable. (b)
		5 per cent. (c)	10 per cent. (c)	12½ per cent. (d)	15 per cent. (c)	20 per cent. (e)	25 per cent. (d)	Total.	
September ..	£,000. 143,553	£'000. 13,913	£'000. 38,270	£'000. ..	£'000. 8,858	£'000. ..	£'000. ..	£'000. 61,041	£'000. 5,850
December ..	149,728	6,317	44,391	..	3,117	6,810	..	60,635	6,584
March ..	140,570	2,404	43,363	..	..	8,404	..	54,171	6,136
June ..	147,295	756	15,517	27,988	..	3,318	4,984	52,563	6,997
Total Year ..	581,146	23,390	141,541	27,988	11,975	18,532	4,984	228,410	25,567

Year 1942-43.

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods. (b)	Taxable Sales.(b)			Sales Tax Payable. (b)
		12½ per cent. (d)	25 per cent. (d)	Total.	
September Qtr. ..	£'000. 151,614	£'000. 45,619	£'000. 8,513	£'000. 54,132	£'000. 7,825
December Qtr. ..	151,789	42,691	8,500	51,191	7,461
March Qtr. ..	145,363	40,461	6,816	47,277	6,758
April ..	48,659	14,172	2,216	16,388	2,318
May ..	50,327	14,410	2,309	16,719	2,377
June ..	48,711	14,136	2,006	16,142	2,268
Total, June Qtr. ..	147,697	42,718	6,531	49,249	6,963
Total, Year ..	596,463	171,489	30,360	201,849	29,007

Year 1943-44.

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods. (b)	Taxable Sales.(b)				Sales Tax Payable. (b).
		7½ per cent. (f).	12½ per cent. (d)	25 per cent. (d)	Total.	
July ..	£'000. 50,079	£'000. 1,330	£'000. 13,899	£'000. 2,525	£'000. 17,754	£'000. 2,468
August ..	50,752	5,338	10,473	2,363	18,174	2,299
September ..	51,607	5,242	10,736	2,467	18,445	2,350
Total September Quarter ..	152,438	11,910	35,108	7,355	54,373	7,117
October ..	51,921	4,786	10,678	2,645	18,109	2,355
November ..	53,363	4,816	10,978	3,024	18,818	2,489
December ..	51,289	4,477	10,408	2,918	17,803	2,366
Total December Quarter ..	156,573	14,079	32,064	8,587	54,730	7,210
January ..	43,796	3,386	9,110	2,032	14,528	1,900
February ..	49,188	4,419	10,897	2,396	17,712	2,292
March (g) ..	52,600	5,300	11,200	2,600	19,100	2,446
Total March Quarter (g) ..	145,584	13,105	31,207	7,028	51,340	6,638

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade.

(b) Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (c) The rates 5 per cent., 10 per cent. and 15 per cent. came into operation on 22nd November, 1940. (d) The rates 12½ per cent. and 25 per cent. came into operation on 1st May, 1942. (e) The rate of 20 per cent. replaced the rate of 15 per cent. from 30th October, 1941.

(f) From 21st July, 1943, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced from 12½ per cent. to 7½ per cent.

(g) Partly estimated—subject to revision.

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. Adjustments have been made to the Budget figures, however, in order to obviate duplications caused by inter-fund payments and to maintain uniformity from year to year in the presentation of statistics. A deduction of £799,998 has thus been made from the Budget Revenue total of £72,333,926, and of £1,200,250 from the Expenditure total of £71,189,568, the surplus thus obtained being £1,544,610 instead of the Budget surplus of £1,144,358. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and have not been adjusted.

STATE REVENUES, 1942-43.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Taxation (b) ..	9,510,979	5,330,909	2,585,513	1,789,121	1,164,770	832,539	21,213,831
Railways ..	34,071,958	17,070,396	16,953,905	15,875,668	4,446,370	..	78,418,297
Tramways (c) ..	5,581,845	(f) 119,443	..	..	469,751	..	6,171,039
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,702,324	2,622,377	871	1,961,556	1,874,800	5,440	8,167,368
Land ..	1,755,010	723,265	1,591,067	265,368	317,033	93,436	4,745,179
Interest (n.e.l.) ..	422,345	1,591,213	1,060,157	1,023,006	454,926	457,169	5,008,816
Commonwealth Payments (g) ..	14,184,169	7,566,164	6,202,135	3,598,150	3,449,619	1,645,558	36,645,795
All other Sources ..	4,305,298	1,466,157	890,424	679,652	974,409	256,182	8,572,122
Total Revenue ..	71,533,928	36,489,924	29,284,072	15,192,521	13,151,678	3,290,324	168,942,447
Total Revenue per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 25 2 8	£ s. d. 18 9 11	£ s. d. 28 3 10	£ s. d. 24 18 1	£ s. d. 27 19 5	£ s. d. 13 13 5	£ s. d. 23 10 8

Year ended 30th June—

STATE REVENUES 1928-29 AND 1938-39 TO 1942-43.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929 ..	46,240,658	27,286,329	16,725,682	10,840,914	9,947,951	2,766,434	112,807,968
1939 ..	51,709,735	26,985,548	19,330,369	12,303,597	10,949,660	3,614,764	124,893,678
1940 ..	54,764,626	28,102,735	20,755,504	12,755,648	11,119,943	3,055,310	130,543,766
1941 ..	59,895,571	29,182,657	21,539,749	12,924,663	11,432,068	2,921,573	137,896,281
1942 ..	65,865,678	33,112,372	23,662,947	15,002,030	11,940,149	3,358,707	152,941,833
1943 ..	71,533,928	36,489,924	29,284,072	15,192,521	13,151,678	3,290,324	168,942,447

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1942-43.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	15,507,470	8,374,804	6,582,516	5,344,587	4,581,924	1,373,440	41,764,741
Railways ..	26,997,307	13,607,889	10,957,836	4,353,360	3,489,921	3,846	59,410,159
Tramways (c) ..	5,140,731	..	..	..	345,401	..	5,486,132
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	913,336	1,362,048	1,671	780,304	1,024,565	(d) 254,510	4,336,434
Education ..	6,121,408	3,357,906	1,781,289	1,103,033	914,422	499,154	13,777,212
Hospitals ..	2,761,051	1,536,211	738,414	604,999	418,885	179,945	6,239,505
Other Charities ..	1,720,488	1,516,791	707,787	181,491	230,785	108,755	4,466,097
All other Expenditure	10,827,527	5,979,944	3,412,539	2,591,879	2,121,339	980,154	30,913,382
Total Expenditure	69,989,318	35,735,593	29,182,052	14,959,653	13,127,242	3,399,804	166,393,662
Total Expenditure per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 24 11 10	£ s. d. 18 2 3	£ s. d. 28 1 10	£ s. d. 24 10 5	£ s. d. 27 18 4	£ s. d. 14 2 6	£ s. d. 23 3 7

Year ended 30th June—

STATE EXPENDITURES 1928-29 AND 1938-39 TO 1942-43.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929 ..	48,159,691	27,251,578	16,902,145	11,771,772	10,223,919	2,855,977	117,165,082
1939 ..	54,163,064	27,772,790	19,316,323	12,700,921	11,170,102	3,640,748	128,763,948
1940 ..	57,049,577	28,096,474	20,739,749	12,918,376	11,266,768	3,052,909	133,123,853
1941 ..	60,319,036	29,040,357	21,511,313	13,007,598	11,420,957	3,103,204	138,402,465
1942 ..	64,824,193	32,320,072	23,599,175	13,712,354	11,938,381	3,357,122	149,751,297
1943 ..	69,989,318	35,735,593	29,182,052	14,959,653	13,127,242	3,399,804	166,393,662

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also now paid to the Commission's Fund. (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1942-43, see p. 40. Excludes Commonwealth reimbursements. (c) Gross collections. (d) Includes £120,000 of Commonwealth Grant taken direct to Railway Revenue. (e) Includes Omnibuses. (f) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (g) Includes Commonwealth Income and Entertainments Tax reimbursements. (h) Based on mean population for the financial year. (i) Losses of Transport Commission. (j) Includes £4,000,000 transferred to Post-war Reconstruction and Development Fund. An additional £1,250,000 is included in Railway expenditure.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1942-43.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Railways..	1,550,731	540,506	181,866	414,691	6,644	103,094	2,797,532
Tramways (b) ..	Cr. 21,106	..	..	Cr. 37,681	71,949	..	13,162
Roads and Bridges ..	10,184	Cr. 30,399	Cr. 12,627	Cr. 17,000	..	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	78,926	Cr. 7,272	471,855	53,813	66,258	18,573	632,311
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	57,124	26,947	175,000	1,113,871	38,069	..	1,411,011
Electricity Supply..	66,537	..	..	..	46,137	442,500	555,174
Public Buildings ..	278,838	181,687	186,649	Cr.419,072	27,432	94,189	849,723
Unemployment Relief	Cr. 134,106	Cr. 63,729	..	..	..	Cr. 11,287	Cr. 209,122
Other Public Works, &c. ..	29,325	Cr. 3,463	Cr.293,748	Cr.194,930	102	75,101	Cr. 327,613
Primary Production—Land Settlement (c)	Cr. 744	Cr.538,934	Cr. 40,547	Cr.327,391	Cr.70,533	Cr.143,496	Cr.1,121,695
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	Cr. 12,967	..	Cr. 11,164	Cr. 45,366	11,788	..	Cr. 57,709
Other ..	Cr. 1,220	95,238	Cr.102,667	Cr. 68,071	116,307	Cr. 3,560	36,077
Other purposes ..	..	..	Cr.100,046	45,500	62,789	..	8,243
Total Works, &c.	1,901,522	200,631	454,571	578,364	376,892	575,114	4,087,094
Per Head (d) ..	£ s. d. 0 13 4	£ s. d. 0 2 0	£ s. d. 0 8 9	£ s. d. 0 19 0	£ s. d. 0 16 0	£ s. d. 2 7 9	£ s. d. 0 11 5
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	Cr.3,300,000	..	..	Cr.582,346	Cr.24,436	..	Cr.3,906,782
Other(e)	312,611	..	..	72,711	Cr.74,110	..	356,270
Grand Total ..	Cr.1,085,867	200,631	454,571	41,076	425,167	501,004	536,582

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Omnibuses.
(c) Includes Advances to Settlers, and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Based on mean population for the financial year. (e) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c.

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1943.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways and Tramways	165,839	78,776	66,404	39,507	27,064	7,514	385,104
Roads and Bridges ..	20,943	12,646	5,296	3,858	3,183	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	22,230	1,405	3,305	8,538	7,586	7,265	96,255
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	40,953	31,872	1,807	21,929	14,889	..	111,450
Electricity Supply ..	2,545	17,839	..	..	1,909	7,511	29,804
Public Buildings ..	17,833	8,207	7,485	3,825	2,784	2,962	43,096
Unemployment Relief..	17,157	13,139	..	..	(b)	344	30,640
Other Public Works, &c. (c) ..	11,580	3,669	26,059	7,989	3,074	(d) 4,258	56,629
Primary Production—Land Settlement ..	12,327	44,058	5,610	11,680	17,733	2,929	94,337
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	19,465	..	1,982	9,188	3,864	..	34,499
Other ..	7,818	5,396	8,123	2,191	14,192	31	37,751
Other purposes ..	89	212	324	4,243	3,599	..	8,467
Total Works ..	338,779	217,219	126,395	112,948	99,877	32,814	928,032
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	39,530	4,864	5,826	8,669	12,080	1,017	71,986
Other ..	18,127	5,834	10,333	1,271	4,169	..	39,734
Grand Total ..	396,436	227,917	142,554	122,888	116,126	33,831	1,039,752

(a) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure. (b) Not available separately—distributed over individual items. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, Housing, Immigration, &c. (d) Includes Loan Flotation Expenses.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	186,888	153,414	11,669	351,971	6,059	5,786	564	12,409
Victoria ..	108,294	61,970	4,499	174,763	3,853	2,314	221	6,388
Queensland ..	61,130	62,778	5,271	129,179	2,141	2,513	279	4,933
South Australia ..	63,755	42,817	1,733	108,305	2,221	1,678	87	3,986
Western Australia ..	50,692	43,771	2,015	96,478	1,661	1,689	101	3,451
Tasmania ..	21,081	8,755	228	30,064	688	331	11	1,030
Total ..	491,840	373,505	25,415	890,760	16,623	14,311	1,263	32,197

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable takes no account of exchange.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

State, &c.	Year ended June—					
	1942-43.			1943-44.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales(a) ..	71,207	70,092	+ 1,115	74,209	73,088	+ 1,121
Victoria ..	36,490	35,735	+ 755	(c) 35,000	(c) 35,000	..
Queensland ..	29,284	29,182	+ 102	28,968	28,854	+ 114
South Australia ..	15,193	14,960	+ 233	15,545	15,529	+ 16
Western Australia ..	13,151	13,127	+ 24	13,589	13,551	+ 38
Tasmania ..	3,290	3,399	— 109	3,499	3,460	+ 39
Total, Six States ..	168,615	166,495	+ 2,120	170,810	169,441	+ 1,369
Commonwealth ..	294,459	294,459	..	342,188	342,188	..
Grand Total (b) ..	424,674	422,554	+ 2,120	468,330	466,961	+ 1,369

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts and special grants. Deductions have also been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government. (c) Approx.

REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS AND TAXATION AND EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

State, &c.		Revenue from Commonwealth Payments.(a)		Revenue from Taxation. (b)		Expenditure— Administration, Works and Social Services, including Unemployment Relief.	
		Year ended June—					
		1942-43.	1943-44.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1942-43.	1943-44.
		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales	..	14,185	17,636	9,452	5,942	22,520	22,717
Victoria	..	7,566	8,818	5,458	(d) 3,800	13,246	*
Queensland	..	6,202	6,712	2,574	2,341	11,636	9,619
South Australia	..	3,599	3,857	1,789	1,716	4,413	4,342
Western Australia	..	3,450	3,827	1,141	917	3,819	3,977
Tasmania	..	1,645	1,897	834	825	1,734	1,805
Total, Six States	..	36,647	42,747	21,248	15,541	57,368	*
Commonwealth	..	..	..	257,144	303,667	(c) 200,708	(c) 229,885
Grand Total	..	36,647	42,747	278,392	319,208	258,076	*

(a) Includes amounts received in accordance with the Financial Agreement, 1927, with Special State Grants and with the Income and Entertainment Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (b) Includes arrears of State income tax as State collections. (c) Excludes Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers. Includes Defence and War Services (excluding Interest, &c., charges), 1942-43, £143,771,000; 1943-44, £142,497,000. (d) Approx.

BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.(a)

State, &c.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Year ended June—							
	1942-43.		1943-44.		1942-43.		1943-44.	
	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	34,295	7,535	35,963	7,822	26,456	6,362	28,061	6,603
Victoria(b) ..	17,070	406	f 16,000	*	13,656	486	*	*
Queensland(c) ..	16,918	..	16,117	..	10,994	..	12,719	..
South Australia ..	5,876	1,961	5,955	2,026	4,418	819	4,976	903
Western Australia ..	4,446	2,313	4,420	2,393	3,490	1,230	3,624	1,354
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..	(d) 255	..	(d) 255	..
Total, Six States ..	78,605	12,215	78,455	*	59,269	8,897	*	*
Commonwealth ..	3,617	e 24,391	3,601	e 26,680	2,179	e 16,622	2,520	e 19,145
Grand Total ..	82,222	36,606	82,056	*	61,448	25,519	*	*

(a) Excludes Interest, &c., charges. (b) Railways and State Coal-mine only. (c) Railways only. (d) Expenditure on account of losses by Transport Commission. (e) Postmaster-General's Department. (f) Approx. * Not yet available.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1942-43.(a)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties.	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing). (b)	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
N. South Wales	..	4,347,457	2,130	2,882,050	1,203,885	2,243,807	376,236	699,221	11,754,786
Victoria ..	..	1,731,316	355,007	1,517,895	809,237	1,492,745	486,964	468,026	6,861,190
Queensland ..	..	751,750	391,268	631,929	427,869	738,956	79,313	326,616	3,347,701
South Australia ..	..	227,080	305,577	381,710	211,632	561,618	33,979	67,525	1,789,121
Western Aust.	..	443,453	132,102	179,288	195,103	356,804	109,110	127,126	1,542,986
Tasmania ..	..	183,496	92,565	120,665	68,246	201,017	42,075	325,492	1,033,556
Total States ..	..	7,684,552	1,278,649	5,713,537	2,915,972	5,594,947	1,127,677	2,014,006	26,329,340
Commonwealth	64,878,120	141,027,271	3,873,115	2,696,000	..	..	2,994,426	41,674,588	257,143,520
Grand Total	64,878,120	148,711,823	5,151,764	8,409,537	2,915,972	5,594,947	4,122,103	43,688,594	283,472,860

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(c)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
N. South Wales	..	1 10 7	..	1 0 3	0 8 6	0 15 9	0 2 8	0 4 11	4 2 8
Victoria ..	..	0 17 7	0 3 7	0 15 5	0 8 3	0 15 2	0 4 1	0 5 6	3 9 7
Queensland ..	..	0 14 5	0 7 6	0 12 2	0 8 3	0 14 2	0 4 7	0 6 4	3 4 5
South Australia ..	..	0 7 4	0 9 10	0 13 1	0 6 11	0 18 4	0 0 11	0 2 2	2 18 7
Western Aust.	..	0 18 8	0 5 8	0 7 8	0 8 4	0 15 2	0 4 8	0 5 5	3 5 7
Tasmania ..	..	0 15 3	0 7 9	0 10 0	0 5 8	0 16 9	0 3 6	1 7 0	4 5 11
Total States ..	..	1 1 5	0 3 7	0 15 11	0 8 2	0 15 7	0 3 2	0 5 7	3 13 5
Commonwealth	9 0 3	19 11 10	0 10 9	0 7 6	..	..	0 8 4	5 15 9	35 14 5
Grand Total	9 0 3	20 13 2	0 14 4	1 3 4	0 8 1	0 15 7	0 11 5	6 1 4	39 7 6

(a) The foregoing particulars include those amounts collected by State Governments and paid into Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 27 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Tax.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939-40 ..	53,825	16,430	12,196	7,560	90,011	54,386	144,397
1940-41 ..	53,780	43,305	19,793	8,506	125,384	56,304	181,688
1941-42 ..	56,781	77,564	26,830	18,260	179,435	57,260	236,695
1942-43 ..	64,878	141,027	28,846	22,393	257,144	(a) 26,329	283,473
1943-44 ..	67,291	183,799	27,909	24,668	303,667	(a)(b) 21,005	324,672

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(c)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1939-40 ..	7 13 11	2 7 0	1 14 10	1 1 7	12 17 4	7 16 0	20 13 0
1940-41 ..	7 12 2	6 2 6	2 16 0	1 4 1	17 14 9	7 19 10	25 14 1
1941-42 ..	7 19 1	10 17 4	3 15 2	2 11 3	25 2 10	8 1 0	33 3 3
1942-43 ..	9 0 3	19 11 10	4 0 2	3 2 2	35 14 5	(a) 3 13 5	39 7 6
1943-44 ..	9 5 3	25 5 10	3 16 10	3 7 11	41 15 10	ab 2 18 0	44 13 7

(a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (b) Approximate. (c) Based on mean population of the Commonwealth and of the six States for each financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1943-44.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Commonwealth Reimbursements—							
Income Tax ..	£'000. 14,558	£'000. 6,318	£'000. 5,616	£'000. 2,276	£'000. 2,406	£'000. 873	£'000. 32,047
Entertainments Tax ..	161	373	..	97	98	37	766
Total ..	14,719	6,691	5,616	2,373	2,504	910	32,813
State Collections (a) ..	8,292	5,400	3,166	1,800	1,328	1,019	21,005
Grand Total ..	23,011	12,091	8,782	4,173	3,832	1,929	53,818
Per head of population	£ s. d. 8 0 10	£ s. d. 6 1 4	£ s. d. 8 6 8	£ s. d. 14 10	£ s. d. 8 0 3	£ s. d. 7 19 9	£ s. d. 7 8 6

(a) Approximate.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

Year ended June.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Common- wealth.(a)	Grand Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1942-43	1,901	201	455	578	377	575	4,087	408,017	407,104
1943-44	1,411	(b)200	345	476	106	411	2,949	377,363	380,312

(a) Includes Defence and War Services, £402,852,000 in 1942-43, and £377,157,000 in 1943-44.

(b) Approx

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.—(i) TOTAL DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
PUBLIC DEBT.						
Commonwealth—		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
War (1914-19)	Australia £A.	173,029	171,240	167,220	166,532	164,628
	London £Stg.	90,744	90,744	90,745	90,744	90,744
War (1939-44)	Australia £A.	46,808	109,649	321,345	712,579	1,098,261
	London £Stg.	5,810	17,875	17,875	18,129	6,122
Works, &c. . .	Australia £A.	37,279	39,459	39,956	38,241	36,190
	London £Stg.	65,780	65,384	65,134	64,884	64,362
	New York £Stg.	15,877	15,877	15,876	15,790	15,791
Total ..	Australia £A.	257,116	320,348	528,521	917,352	1,299,079
	London £Stg.	162,334	174,003	173,754	173,757	161,228
	New York £Stg.	15,877	15,877	15,876	15,790	15,791
Total ..	..	435,327	510,228	718,151	1,106,899	1,476,098
State ..	Australia £A.	493,647	504,494	504,439	494,115	491,840
	London £Stg.	384,162	384,042	380,422	379,113	373,505
	New York £Stg.	27,918	27,486	25,817	25,610	25,415
Total ..	..	905,727	916,022	910,678	898,838	890,760
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	750,763	824,842	1,032,960	1,411,467	1,790,919
	London £Stg.	546,496	558,045	554,176	552,870	534,733
	New York £Stg.	43,795	43,363	41,693	41,400	41,206
Total ..	..	1,341,054	1,426,250	1,628,829	2,005,737	2,366,858

(ii) DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
PER HEAD OF POPULATION.						
Commonwealth— War (1914-19)	Australia £A.	£ s. d. 24 12 2	£ s. d. 24 2 3	£ s. d. 23 6 2	£ s. d. 23 0 8	£ s. d. 22 10 9
	London £Stg.	12 18 2	12 15 6	12 13 0	12 11 0	12 8 6
War (1939-44)	Australia £A.	6 13 2	15 8 9	44 15 10	98 11 2	150 7 4
	London £Stg.	0 16 6	2 10 5	2 9 10	2 10 2	0 16 9
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	5 6 0	5 11 1	5 11 5	5 5 10	4 19 1
	London £Stg.	9 7 1	9 4 1	9 1 7	8 19 6	8 16 3
	New York £Stg.	2 5 2	2 4 9	2 4 3	2 3 8	2 3 3
Total ..	Australia £A.	36 11 4	45 2 1	73 13 5	126 17 8	177 17 2
	London £Stg.	23 1 9	24 10 0	24 4 5	24 0 8	22 1 6
	New York £Stg.	2 5 2	2 4 9	2 4 3	2 3 8	2 3 3
Total ..	..	61 18 3	71 16 10	100 2 1	153 2 0	202 1 11
State	Australia £A.	70 8 4	71 5 4	70 10 5	68 10 10	67 10 6
	London £Stg.	54 15 11	54 5 0	53 3 8	52 11 10	51 5 7
	New York £Stg.	3 19 8	3 17 8	3 12 2	3 11 1	3 9 9
Total ..	..	129 3 11	129 8 0	127 6 3	124 13 9	122 5 10
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	106 15 6	116 2 9	143 19 8	195 4 7	245 4 0
	London £Stg.	77 14 6	78 11 5	77 4 11	76 9 5	73 4 3
	New York £Stg.	6 4 7	6 2 1	5 16 3	5 14 6	5 12 10
Total ..	..	190 14 7	200 16 3	227 0 10	277 8 6	324 1 1

(iii)—INTEREST PAYABLE.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—					
		1940. £'000.	1941. £'000.	1942. £'000.	1943. £'000.	1944. £'000.	
INTEREST PAYABLE.							
Commonwealth	..	Australia £A.	9,421	11,249	16,135	25,145	33,945
		London £Stg.(a)	3,388	3,736	3,656	3,290	3,277
		New York £Stg.	776	776	776	772	771
Total(b)	13,585	15,761	20,567	29,207	37,993
State	..	Australia £A.	17,593	17,866	17,284	16,863	16,623
		London £Stg.	14,958	14,955	14,500	14,501	14,311
		New York £Stg.	1,421	1,395	1,283	1,272	1,263
Total(b)	33,972	34,216	33,067	32,636	32,197
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State	..	Australia £A.	27,014	29,115	33,419	42,008	50,568
		London £Stg.(a)	18,346	18,691	18,156	17,791	17,588
		New York £Stg.	2,197	2,171	2,059	2,044	2,034
Total(b)	47,557	49,977	53,634	61,843	70,190

(a) Excludes suspended interest (£3,919,774) on War Debt to British Government (£79,724,220). (b) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking no account of exchange.

(iv)—AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.						
Commonwealth and State	Australia	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	London(a)	3 12 4	3 11 1	3 5 1	2 19 9	2 16 8
	New York	3 18 7	3 18 2	3 16 7	3 17 3	3 17 4
		5 0 4	5 0 2	4 18 9	4 18 9	4 18 9
	Total(b)	3 15 8	3 14 6	3 9 6	3 4 10	3 1 7

(a) See note (a) above. (b) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable taking no account of exchange.

(v)—SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At—								
		30th June, 1936.	30th June, 1937.	30th June, 1938.	30th June, 1939.	30th June, 1940.	30th June, 1941.	30th June, 1942.	30th June, 1943.	30th June 1944.
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	London £Stg.	10,220	9,720	5,495	4,220	3,970	3,720	1,750 80,481	250,250 3,470	343,280 2,975
State ..	Australia £A.	47,013	46,408	46,598	50,228	45,463	45,423	45,083	39,200	33,075
	London £Stg.	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	24,879	23,730	22,868
Total ..	Australia £A.	47,013	46,408	46,598	50,228	45,463	47,173	125,564	298,450	376,355
	London £Stg.	33,375	32,875	28,650	27,375	27,125	26,875	28,349	26,950	25,838

(a) Excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

(D.) BANKING.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (Including Commonwealth Bank.)

Average for Quarters ended—	Deposits.			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Percentage Non-interest-bearing to Total Deposits.	Percentage Advances to Total Deposits.
	Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest. (a)	Total.				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	(b)	£'000.	(c)	(c)
June, 1939 ..	140,225	250,562	390,787	332,688	93,820	35.6	81.3
" 1940 ..	170,778	268,196	438,974	347,380	118,733	38.9	75.7
" 1941 ..	189,643	268,408	458,051	330,535	142,928	41.3	68.9
" 1942 ..	227,076	255,646	482,722	323,850	198,429	47.0	64.0
" 1943 ..	314,609	301,820	616,429	291,680	352,250	50.9	45.1
Dec., 1943 ..	338,869	292,744	631,613	277,070	380,923	53.6	41.8
Mar., 1944 ..	367,767	300,974	668,731	270,584	411,255	54.9	38.5
June, 1944 ..	385,681	308,812	694,493	270,864	399,090	55.6	37.2

(a) Includes Inscribed Deposit Stock of E.S. and A. and Queensland National Banks. (b) Includes Short-term Loans, other than Treasury Bills of the Commonwealth Bank. (c) In computing the ratios the figures relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

AVERAGE LIABILITIES IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.
				Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest. (a)	Total.	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1940..	167	3,592	1,000	138,438	214,686	353,124	357,883
" 1941..	167	3,580	932	157,746	209,956	367,702	372,381
" 1942..	167	3,912	1,061	193,619	195,493	389,112	394,252
" 1943..	167	4,452	955	258,441	199,519	457,960	463,534
Sept., 1943..	167	4,083	859	257,968	207,359	465,327	470,436
Dec., 1943..	167	4,732	1,117	277,112	210,867	487,979	493,095
Mar., 1944..	167	4,356	1,061	308,943	217,945	526,888	532,472
June, 1944..	167	4,767	1,026	319,928	220,685	540,613	546,573

(a) Includes inscribed deposit stock of the Queensland National and E.S. and A. Banks.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

AVERAGE ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Coin and Bullion.	Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Government and Municipal Securities. (a)	Special War-time Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Land and House Property.	Balances due from other Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Discounts, Overdrafts and all other assets.	Total Assets.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1940..	2,193	36,793	83,617	..	9,983	2,099	2,340	288,784	423,809
" 1941..	2,139	34,225	102,354	..	10,297	2,737	2,537	283,054	437,343
" 1942..	1,533	37,049	95,837	36,797	9,996	3,246	3,551	269,944	457,953
" 1943..	1,819	30,573	133,785	100,401	9,881	2,855	3,928	244,776	528,018
Sept., 1943..	1,881	36,349	131,056	106,234	9,837	3,046	3,708	244,746	536,857
Dec., 1943..	1,934	38,077	140,441	124,547	9,775	3,351	4,127	235,507	557,759
Mar., 1944..	1,961	44,964	154,935	150,478	9,775	3,346	3,975	224,573	594,007
June, 1944..	1,968	36,499	148,713	178,600	9,761	3,587	4,200	224,858	608,186

(a) Includes Treasury Bills.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Average for Quarters ended—	General Banking Department.							Note Issue and General Banking Depart- ment.	Notes held outside Com- mon- wealth Bank. (d)
	Business within Australia.							Sterling Reserve and Short Call Money in London. (c)	
	Deposits.			Balances Due to other Banks.	Special War- time Deposits lodged by all Trading Banks.	Advances, &c., and Short- term Loans.	Govern- ment and Municipal Securities. (b)		
	Not Bearing Interest. (a)	Bearing Interest.	Total.						
	£'000.	£'000	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1940..	30,054	50,169	80,223	28,968	..	37,412	33,086	55,539	51,606
" 1941..	28,699	55,150	83,849	20,078	..	24,626	37,976	74,201	63,724
" 1942..	29,815	57,132	86,947	33,076	37,286	32,129	100,057	55,590	94,917
" 1943..	50,953	98,684	149,637	25,885	100,844	27,026	213,961	80,913	133,350
Sept., 1943..	53,865	78,258	132,123	33,051	106,735	24,863	213,733	84,148	141,826
Dec., 1943..	56,326	77,849	134,175	33,539	125,132	22,662	234,985	89,889	152,864
Mar., 1944..	52,426	78,583	131,009	41,812	151,207	27,823	249,317	107,992	164,387
June, 1944..	60,618	82,460	143,078	32,864	179,454	27,800	243,432	143,998	181,109

(a) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate deducted. (b) Includes Treasury Bills. (c) Not to be taken as a measure of Net London Funds. (d) Notes held by Other Banks and by Public. See page 31 for details of Note Issue.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
June—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1940 ..	82,111	79,145	28,252	26,563	11,860	8,518	192	350	236,991
1941 ..	87,750	85,689	29,089	27,510	12,521	8,941	357	374	252,231
1942 ..	94,538	94,226	31,214	30,616	13,821	9,472	(b)	388	274,275
1943 ..	122,406	121,249	45,197	38,563	18,884	11,174	(b)	522	357,995
1944 ..	162,868	153,887	65,479	48,596	25,790	14,213	(b)	701	471,534
1943—									
Apr. ..	115,500	114,349	41,762	36,547	17,774	10,699	(b)	493	337,124
May ..	118,016	116,974	43,039	37,232	18,265	10,903	(b)	513	344,942
June ..	122,406	121,249	45,197	38,563	18,884	11,174	(b)	522	357,995
1944—									
Apr. ..	156,025	147,623	61,629	46,642	24,500	13,684	(b)	672	450,775
May ..	157,045	149,079	62,589	46,949	24,802	13,863	(b)	685	455,012
June ..	162,868	153,887	65,479	48,596	25,790	14,213	(b)	701	471,534

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

(b) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

NOTE.—In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e., total less re-purchases), of £43,721,000 was subscribed for War Savings Certificates between March, 1940, and June, 1944.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1940 ..	82,111	11,785	28,252	3,094	11,860	2,297	192	350	139,941
1941 ..	87,750	13,942	29,089	3,509	12,521	2,423	357	374	149,965
1942 ..	94,538	16,910	31,214	4,684	13,821	2,705	(a)	388	164,260
1943 ..	122,406	23,731	45,197	6,311	18,884	3,542	(a)	522	220,593
1944 ..	162,868	31,205	65,479	8,474	25,790	4,814	(a)	701	299,331
1943—									
Apr. ..	115,500	22,278	41,762	6,049	17,774	3,304	(a)	493	207,160
May ..	118,016	22,739	43,039	6,147	18,265	3,391	(a)	513	212,110
June ..	122,406	23,731	45,197	6,311	18,884	3,542	(a)	522	220,593
1944—									
Apr. ..	156,025	29,813	61,629	8,149	24,500	4,526	(a)	672	285,314
May ..	157,045	30,300	62,589	8,220	24,802	4,618	(a)	685	288,259
June ..	162,868	31,205	65,479	8,474	25,790	4,814	(a)	701	299,331

(a) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

BANK CLEARING HOUSES.—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.

Weekly Average.	Sydney.		Melbourne.		Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions.(a)	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions.(a)				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Year 1940 ..	26,073	20,538	19,380	18,829	4,803	3,426	2,293	701
„ 1941 ..	26,978	21,841	21,621	21,010	4,676	3,753	2,234	699
„ 1942 ..	29,157	23,933	24,555	24,228	5,284	4,226	2,398	774
„ 1943 ..	32,351	27,649	27,109	27,061	6,424	4,760	2,638	860
1944—								
28th Mar. to 24th Apr.	30,631	26,020	26,396	26,395	6,659	5,001	2,685	1,009
25th Apr. to 29th May	34,435	31,211	29,529	29,503	7,515	5,254	2,834	1,119
30th May to 26th June	35,217	30,436	27,983	27,957	7,066	5,131	2,752	1,002

(a) Average weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills. These abnormal transactions have been in operation in Victoria since October, 1929, and in New South Wales, since October, 1930.

Section V.—Railways, Aircraft, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

A.—Railways.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

Heading.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
Government—	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,141	6,127	6,127	6,127
Victoria ..	4,759	4,759	4,759	4,766	4,758
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,547
Western Australia ..	4,378	4,381	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	658	645	642	642	642
Total ..	27,234	27,251	27,234	27,241	27,223

CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)

Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth ..	17,032,884	17,191,356	17,332,574	17,433,858	17,700,704
New South Wales ..	147,617,530	149,203,908	149,575,526	150,661,127	151,849,840
Victoria ..	52,448,789	52,037,722	52,229,383	52,718,195	52,637,204
Queensland ..	38,419,013	38,891,138	39,299,815	39,349,083	39,479,733
South Australia ..	29,732,889	30,109,220	30,399,735	30,801,278	31,290,224
Western Australia ..	26,021,781	26,187,632	26,309,388	26,393,048	26,362,545
Tasmania ..	2,140,330	2,155,261	2,248,034	2,348,784	2,497,290
Total(b) ..	315,860,188	318,223,209	319,841,427	322,152,345	324,264,512

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,118	6,127	6,127	6,127
Victoria ..	4,754	4,759	4,759	4,746	4,758
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,549
Western Australia ..	4,376	4,380	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	658	644	642	642	642
Total ..	27,227	27,226	27,234	27,221	27,225

TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN(c)—'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	902	958	1,234	2,322	3,473
New South Wales ..	30,106	29,471	32,285	336,368	339,000
Victoria ..	17,890	17,008	17,767	18,249	18,437
Queensland ..	13,927	14,190	14,603	16,396	19,851
South Australia ..	6,177	5,928	5,892	6,599	6,792
Western Australia ..	6,575	6,134	6,144	6,355	6,340
Tasmania ..	1,906	2,064	2,167	2,176	2,217
Total ..	77,483	75,753	80,092	88,465	96,110

GROSS REVENUE—£'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	547	622	971	2,195	3,746
New South Wales ..	19,946	20,755	24,016	28,487	34,872
Victoria ..	9,284	9,861	11,239	14,520	17,030
Queensland ..	7,798	8,090	8,415	11,654	18,027
South Australia ..	3,119	3,168	3,512	4,944	5,811
Western Australia ..	3,599	3,556	3,572	3,996	4,417
Tasmania ..	487	536	600	686	843
Total ..	44,780	46,588	52,325	66,482	84,746

(a) Capital has been reduced during the past fifteen years by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania £4,700,000).

(b) Includes £2,446,972, Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line capital not included with States.

(c) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages. (d) Estimated.

(e) Partly estimated.

(f) Revised estimate.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

Government.	1933-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
WORKING EXPENSES—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth	642	842	903	1,506	2,171
New South Wales	14,543	14,647	17,162	21,713	27,343
Victoria	8,060	8,058	8,959	11,600	14,040
Queensland	6,193	6,368	6,708	8,488	11,400
South Australia	2,931	2,937	3,062	3,856	4,661
Western Australia	2,911	2,828	2,758	3,026	3,447
Tasmania	678	688	757	854	965
Total	35,958	36,368	40,309	51,043	64,027
NET EARNINGS—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth	-95	-220	68	689	1,575
New South Wales	5,403	6,108	6,854	6,774	7,529
Victoria	1,224	1,803	2,280	2,920	2,990
Queensland	1,605	1,722	1,707	3,166	6,627
South Australia	188	231	450	1,088	1,150
Western Australia	688	728	814	970	970
Tasmania	-191	-152	-157	-168	-122
Total	8,822	10,220	12,016	15,439	20,719
PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(a)					
Commonwealth	% -0.56	% -1.28	% 0.39	% 3.95	% 8.90
New South Wales	3.66	4.09	4.58	4.50	4.95
Victoria	2.33	3.47	4.37	5.54	5.68
Queensland	4.18	4.43	4.34	8.05	16.78
South Australia	0.63	0.77	1.48	3.53	3.67
Western Australia	2.64	2.78	3.09	3.68	3.68
Tasmania	-8.91	-7.02	-6.99	-7.16	-4.88
Total (b)	2.79	3.21	3.76	4.79	6.39

Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

(a) See note (a) on previous page. On the basis of the original capital the adjusted percentages for 1942-43 are as follows:—Victoria, 3.82; Queensland, 9.82; South Australia, 3.35; Tasmania, -1.68; Total, 5.37. (b) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton-South Brisbane Line (see note (b) on previous page).

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

PARTICULARS FOR NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1943.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,127	4,764	6,497	2,548	4,381	642	27,160
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	712	10,681	5,770	3,685	1,296	1,031	229	23,404
cGoods, including live stock and minerals £	1,964	13,768	6,145	9,174	2,717	2,207	360	36,335
cMiscellaneous £	53	(d) 1,110	912	(e)	342	125	26	2,568
cTotal Revenue £	2,729	f 25,559	12,827	12,859	4,355	3,363	615	62,307
cExpenditure £	1,507	19,006	9,009	7,579	3,279	2,539	(g) 637	43,556
cTrain-miles run ..	2,588	31,137	13,920	14,536	5,106	(h) 4,897	(i) 1,674	73,858
Earnings per train-mile	21s. 1d.	16s. 5d.	18s. 5d.	17s. 8d.	17s. 1d.	13s. 9d.	7s. 4d.	16s. 10d.
Expenditure per train-mile	11s. 8d.	12s. 2d.	12s. 11d.	10s. 5d.	12s. 10d.	10s. 4d.	7s. 7d.	11s. 10d.
Earnings %	55.24	74.36	70.24	58.94	75.29	75.50	103.50	69.91
cPassenger-journeys, No.	339	176,904	146,326	24,508	24,859	12,721	2,492	388,149
cCoal and Coke carried, tons	6	(j)	(j)	763	140	201	222	(l)
cOther Minerals carried, tons	10	(j)	(j)	336	385	118	(k)	(l)
cLive Stock carried, tons	27	(m) 600	(m) 556	411	194	110	26	1,924
cOther Goods carried ..	301	14,176	6,009	3,337	1,877	1,430	484	27,614
cTotal Freight carried „	344	14,776	6,565	4,847	2,596	1,859	732	31,719

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.
 (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.
 (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles. (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods.
 (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

PARTICULARS FOR NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1944.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,127	4,758	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,153
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	651	10,848	5,421	4,098	1,245	1,076	229	23,568
cGoods, including live stock and minerals £	1,826	14,172	5,805	7,966	2,877	2,119	380	35,145
cMiscellaneous £	60	(d) 1,174	900	(e)	439	130	35	2,738
cTotal Revenue £	2,537	f 26,194	12,126	12,064	4,561	3,325	644	61,451
cExpenditure £	1,646	20,184	9,748	8,738	3,649	2,844	(g) 747	47,556
cTrain-miles run	2,541	32,180	12,567	14,782	5,077	(h) 4,590	(i) 1,504	73,241
Earnings per train-mile	20s. 0d.	16s. 3d.	19s. 4d.	16s. 4d.	18s. 0d.	14s. 6d.	8s. 7d.	16s. 9d
Expenditure per train-mile	12s. 11d.	12s. 7d.	15s. 6d.	11s. 10d.	14s. 4d.	12s. 5d.	9s. 11d.	13s. 0d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings %	64.88	77.05	80.38	72.43	80.02	85.53	115.93	77.39
cPassenger-journeys, No.	378	186,597	146,113	28,524	20,584	14,271	2,325	398,792
cCoal and Coke carried, tons	4	(j)	(j)	739	146	188	216	(l)
cOther Minerals carried, tons	5	(j)	(j)	252	340	86	(k)	(l)
cLive Stock carried, tons	32	(m) 600	(m) 403	404	207	120	23	1,789
cOther Goods carried ..	330	14,061	5,767	3,252	2,105	1,443	500	27,458
cTotal Freight carried ..	371	14,661	6,170	4,647	2,798	1,837	739	31,223

(a) Excludes Grafton—South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.
 (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.
 (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying
 developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles.
 (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods. (k) Included
 with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated.

B.—Civil Aviation.(a)

Particulars.	Nine Months ended March—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Registered Aircraft owners					
(c) No.	137	120	119	(e) 128	116
Registered Aircraft(c)	288	202	192	(e) 184	185
Licensed Pilots—(c)					
Private	(b) 1,225	502	240	171	(f) 171
Commercial	(b) 324	187	181	233	(f) 233
Licensed Ground Engi- neers(c)	(b) 651	617	717	924	(f) 924
Aerodromes—(c)					
Government	73	79	72	69	(f) 69
Public	224	212	207	207	(f) 207
Government Emer- gency Grounds	141	116	116	96	(f) 96
Hours flown	92,126	58,995	52,450	43,302	62,047
Approximate mileage Miles '000	9,779	7,256	6,739	5,652	7,928
Passengers carried No.	107,853	112,121	123,782	103,241	172,278
Goods, Weight carried lb. '000	1,348	1,529	1,922	1,617	2,222
Mails, Weight carried(d) .. '000	327	358	692	1,076	2,125
Accidents—					
Persons killed .. No.	9	..	15	2	1
„ Injured	4	1	3	3	1

(a) Includes particulars of the Darwin-Singapore overseas service, but excludes those relating to civil aviation in New Guinea. (b) Includes licences issued for New Guinea. (c) At 30th June of year shown above each column. (d) Includes gross weight of overseas mail, i.e., includes weight of mail bags. (e) At 31st October, 1943. (f) At 30th June, 1943.

NOTE:—Figures for flying operations during 1942–43 and later refer to the larger organizations only.

C.—Telephones.

Particulars.	At 30th June, 1940.	At 30th June, 1941.	At 30th June, 1942.	At 30th June, 1943.	At 30th June, 1944.
Lines connected .. No.	506,612	525,547	531,075	540,261	557,072
Instruments connected	691,088	720,321	738,666	766,846	799,729

D.—Motor Vehicles.

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.				Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Com-mercial Ve-hicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders' &c., Licences.	Miscel-laneous.	Total.
						£	£	£	£
1942-43.									
New South Wales ..	174,537	73,072	14,164	261,773	414,972	1,989,150	208,767	68,364	2,266,281
Victoria ..	131,417	85,937	16,275	233,629	329,595	1,370,090	82,402	75,248	1,527,740
Queensland ..	64,705	45,703	5,432	115,840	235,411	640,708	55,812	55,694	752,214
South Australia ..	53,933	22,719	5,977	82,629	113,556	497,061	57,869	12,869	567,799
Western Australia ..	29,805	21,429	3,936	55,170	62,250	306,780	20,002	33,417	360,199
Tasmania ..	15,844	5,582	2,454	23,880	25,636	167,031	12,818	21,729	201,578
Northern Territory ..	152	1,064	13	1,229	1,427	1,932	455	..	2,387
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,349	427	70	1,846	2,551	9,882	1,384	95	11,361
Total ..	471,742	255,933	48,321	775,996	1,185,398	4,982,634	439,509	267,416	5,689,559
Total, 1941-42 ..	450,851	250,515	49,467	750,833	1,186,672	5,528,625	444,573	231,704	6,204,902

REGISTRATIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1944.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	182,287	134,232	68,247	57,366	30,370	16,730	174	1,430	490,836
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	79,000	91,943	50,788	24,008	22,791	6,321	1,570	423	276,844
Motor Cycles ..	14,897	17,965	6,103	6,553	4,327	2,583	35	94	52,557
Total ..	276,184	244,140	125,138	87,927	57,488	25,634	1,779	1,947	820,237
Total at 30th June, 1943 ..	261,773	233,629	115,840	82,629	55,170	23,880	1,229	1,846	775,996

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING THE YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1944.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	(a) S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	188	527	22	36	21	29	2	825
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	3,868	3,306	2,644	1,176	1,110	523	8	12,635
Motor Cycles ..	137	70	19	5	109	..	..	340
Total ..	4,193	3,903	2,685	1,217	1,240	552	10	13,800
Total, Year ended June, 1943 ..	1,607	2,088	912	557	492	163	14	5,833

(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above particulars of primary producers' vehicles, Victoria, are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

E.—Wireless.

NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land. (b)	S. Aust. (c)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1932 ..	141,450	139,323	28,958	37,142	12,679	9,540	369,092
" " 1933 ..	178,000	170,995	36,186	50,150	20,536	12,563	468,430
" " 1934 ..	226,831	206,995	52,038	64,174	31,404	16,547	597,989
" " 1935 ..	278,648	236,866	67,369	76,365	41,176	20,088	720,532
" " 1936 ..	315,731	263,414	83,028	87,335	49,987	24,118	823,613
" " 1937 ..	358,292	288,717	101,358	99,033	61,151	29,780	938,331
" " 1938 ..	403,978	315,406	117,496	111,787	71,324	36,013	1,056,004
" " 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,282	39,392	1,129,786
" " 1940 ..	458,155	348,153	151,110	124,891	87,764	42,182	1,212,260
" " 1941 ..	494,884	362,790	168,216	131,292	91,368	44,716	1,293,266
" " 1942 ..	500,451	371,502	172,527	137,244	91,945	46,404	1,320,073
" " 1943(d) ..	552,044	390,950	177,846	151,258	97,735	49,910	1,419,793
" " 1944(d) ..	560,032	409,325	180,030	155,253	98,246	50,356	1,454,302

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Papua.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(d) Includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia.
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NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.

1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	819	(a)380
1940	196	147	115	118	140	77	4	15	812	(a)381
1941	193	146	115	117	141	76	4	15	807	(a)374
1942	194	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	792	(a)377
1943	192	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	790	(a)375

NUMBER OF BRANCHES.

1939	598	398	312	178	204	69	..	1	1,760	(b)2,199
1940	601	387	309	174	209	71	..	1	1,752	(b)2,183
1941	599	386	309	174	208	71	..	1	1,748	(b)2,181
1942	597	382	308	174	208	71	..	1	1,741	(b)2,156
1943	592	382	308	175	207	71	..	1	1,736	(b)2,151

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470	915,470
1940	364,202	232,288	189,732	73,503	68,271	24,556	1,405	1,905	955,862	955,862
1941	425,522	270,343	192,015	95,239	65,015	24,292	1,406	1,798	1,075,680	1,075,680
1942	483,039	302,782	190,578	111,388	64,535	26,893	1,406	1,796	1,182,417	1,182,417
1943	498,169	311,791	194,225	107,311	63,880	26,130	1,406	1,951	1,204,863	1,204,863

(a) Allowing for Interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and Interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of Interstate unions, but also head State branches of Interstate unions.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.						Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
								Number.	Percentage. (b)
1939	Year	..	..	..	..	396	476,918	45,967	9.7
1940	"	..	..	..	..	394	491,352	39,116	8.0
1941	"	..	..	..	..	395	536,660	20,013	3.7
1942	"	..	..	..	..	394	613,534	9,754	1.6
1943	"	..	..	..	..	390	678,713	7,545	1.1
1932—June	Quarter(e)	..	..	..	..	396	413,742	124,068	30.0
1940—September	"	..	..	..	..	397	496,372	36,892	7.4
December	"	..	..	..	..	396	508,914	31,491	6.2
1941—March	"	..	..	..	..	398	514,379	27,289	5.3
June	"	..	..	..	..	395	517,696	18,595	3.6
September	"	..	..	..	..	394	541,883	17,541	3.2
December	"	..	..	..	..	394	572,680	16,628	2.9
1942—March	"	..	..	..	..	394	588,525	10,767	1.8
June	"	..	..	..	..	394	603,066	10,296	1.7
September	"	..	..	..	..	394	617,076	9,603	1.6
December	"	..	..	..	..	394	645,467	8,350	1.3
1943—March	"	..	..	..	..	391	665,334	8,021	1.2
June	"	..	..	..	..	390	680,292	7,423	1.1
September	"	..	..	..	..	390	682,557	7,356	1.1
December	"	..	..	..	..	390	686,667	7,381	1.1
1944—March	"	..	..	..	..	390	688,381	6,987	1.0
June	"	..	..	..	..	389	683,463	9,433	1.4

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent 56 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 70. (c) Peak of unemployment.

Unemployment (a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1939 Year	11.0	10.4	5.9	9.3	7.1	8.1	9.7
1940 "	11.0	5.8	5.5	7.0	5.6	5.2	8.0
1941 "	4.7	2.5	4.5	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.7
1942 "	1.8	1.2	2.3	1.1	1.6	0.8	1.6
1943 "	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.1
1932—June Quarter (b) ..	33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1939—September	11.6	11.2	5.8	9.4	8.2	8.3	10.2
December	11.1	9.0	5.8	9.1	6.6	7.1	9.3
1940—March	9.7	6.5	5.8	8.5	6.9	4.8	7.9
June (c)	15.9	6.6	6.8	8.3	5.6	5.0	10.5
September	9.8	5.9	4.9	6.6	6.0	4.6	7.4
December	8.5	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.0	6.5	6.2
1941—March	7.0	3.2	5.9	3.9	4.3	3.6	5.3
June	4.5	2.4	4.2	2.8	3.1	2.4	3.6
September	4.0	2.2	4.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2
December	3.5	2.1	3.8	1.8	1.8	4.5	2.9
1942—March	2.0	1.4	3.2	1.0	1.7	0.7	1.8
June	1.9	1.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	0.6	1.7
September	1.9	1.2	1.8	1.1	1.8	0.9	1.6
December	1.5	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.3	0.8	1.3
1943—March	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.2
June	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.1
September	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2	1.1
December	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.1
1944—March	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.7	1.0
June	1.9	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.9	0.7	1.4

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

(a) See notes to table on page 49. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) Coal-mining employees out of work owing to the industrial dispute were excluded from the tabulation, but persons in other industries indirectly unemployed owing to the dispute were included.

Unemployment (a)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1932.	1943.				1944.	
	June Qtr.(b)	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Manufacturing—							
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. ..	39.6	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.1	1.1	0.9
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c. ..	33.9	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.7
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c. ..	19.3	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.4	2.3	3.0
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, &c. ..	22.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.0
V. Books, Printing, &c. ..	16.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	43.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.0
VII. Building	42.1	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.3
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. ..	34.2	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.0
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services ..	29.6	1.6	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV.(c) Other and Miscellaneous ..	22.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8
All Groups	30.0	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.4

(a) See notes to table on page 49.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

(c) For classification see p. 54.

AUSTRALIA.—Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment.

Month.	Total Employment.(a) (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction. (d)	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (e)	
MALES (Thousands).											
1933—June	262.2	729.9	992.1	36.3	251.7	151.7	164.5	212.3		112.6	
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	54.0	391.5	142.0	208.0	115.0	128.0	140.0	
1941—July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	54.4	490.9	144.0	202.3	102.0	117.1	127.1	
Nov.	381.5	999.8	1,381.3	53.9	509.8	136.5	207.3	101.9	117.9	127.2	
1942—July	420.3	888.1	1,308.4	47.7	513.0	116.8	205.3	79.4	96.6	111.8	
1943—Mar.	416.8	868.5	1,285.3	45.0	521.2	96.4	205.0	73.0	91.7	107.5	
April	414.1	863.2	1,277.3	44.1	521.9	92.7	204.2	72.2	90.2	107.3	
May	412.8	862.9	1,275.7	45.0	520.8	91.9	203.8	71.7	89.5	107.0	
June	412.5	861.4	1,273.9	45.0	520.5	91.3	205.1	71.4	88.8	106.5	
July	412.9	857.3	1,270.2	44.8	519.0	89.7	206.1	71.0	87.7	106.6	
Aug.	412.5	857.2	1,269.7	44.7	518.6	91.6	205.8	70.3	88.1	106.6	
Nov.	409.0	862.0	1,271.0	44.6	516.2	90.8	207.7	70.2	88.8	108.2	
Dec.	409.1	863.0	1,272.1	44.2	512.9	89.4	207.4	72.6	89.1	109.0	
1944—Jan.	409.3	863.5	1,272.8	44.1	515.2	86.9	208.6	70.7	89.8	109.2	
Feb.	408.5	865.7	1,274.2	44.4	516.2	85.3	210.2	70.3	90.3	109.7	
Mar.	408.5	866.4	1,274.9	44.2	515.9	84.1	210.3	70.7	90.9	110.6	
Apr.	406.2	864.0	1,270.2	43.9	513.9	81.3	211.0	70.6	90.6	111.0	
May	405.8	865.0	1,270.8	44.2	514.2	80.0	211.4	70.9	90.5	111.5	
FEMALES (Thousands).											
1933—June	46.5	294.3	340.8	0.2	103.1	0.7	11.0	87.3		130.7	
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.4	148.2	1.0	14.4	81.0	34.0	129.0	
1941—July	70.8	477.7	548.5	0.5	187.8	1.9	21.1	102.3	44.1	148.1	
Nov.	76.3	494.7	571.0	0.5	198.2	2.0	22.0	106.4	47.4	150.4	
1942—July	102.4	496.5	598.9	0.6	212.3	2.1	26.4	103.0	52.3	152.5	
1943—Mar.	123.1	504.9	628.0	0.6	227.5	2.3	32.6	99.4	53.1	155.9	
April	125.2	504.7	629.9	0.6	220.1	2.3	33.0	98.7	53.3	156.6	
May	126.0	504.7	630.7	0.6	228.1	2.4	33.5	98.7	52.9	157.5	
June	129.2	502.1	631.3	0.5	228.5	2.3	34.5	98.2	52.5	157.2	
July	139.4	500.0	639.4	0.5	227.9	2.4	35.6	97.8	52.7	158.1	
Aug.	134.4	501.3	635.7	0.6	227.8	2.4	35.9	97.0	52.9	159.6	
Nov.	134.4	506.9	641.3	0.5	226.3	2.4	36.3	97.3	52.9	163.5	
Dec.	134.1	507.4	641.5	0.5	224.2	2.4	36.7	99.6	52.3	162.7	
1944—Jan.	133.8	502.6	636.4	0.7	221.8	2.4	36.6	95.3	52.3	163.3	
Feb.	134.1	503.9	638.0	0.6	221.6	2.4	37.1	95.2	52.5	164.3	
Mar.	134.4	506.6	641.0	0.7	222.6	2.5	36.9	94.7	52.4	166.1	
Apr.	133.5	503.1	636.6	0.7	219.3	2.5	37.1	95.0	52.2	165.1	
May	131.5	503.4	634.9	0.6	216.6	2.6	37.1	95.7	52.2	165.8	
PERSONS (Thousands).											
1933—June	308.7	1,024.2	1,332.9	36.5	354.8	152.4	175.5	299.6		243.3	
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	54.4	539.7	143.0	222.4	196.0	162.0	269.0	
1941—July	446.1	1,465.8	1,911.9	54.9	678.7	145.9	223.4	204.3	161.2	275.2	
Nov.	457.8	1,494.5	1,952.3	54.4	708.0	138.5	229.3	208.3	165.3	277.6	
1942—July	522.7	1,384.6	1,907.3	48.3	725.3	118.9	231.7	182.4	148.9	264.3	
1943—Mar.	539.9	1,373.4	1,913.3	45.6	748.7	98.7	237.6	172.4	144.8	263.4	
April	539.3	1,367.9	1,907.2	44.7	751.6	95.0	237.2	170.9	143.5	263.9	
May	538.8	1,367.6	1,906.4	45.6	748.9	94.3	237.3	170.4	142.4	264.5	
June	541.7	1,363.5	1,905.2	45.5	749.0	93.6	239.6	169.6	141.3	263.7	
July	546.3	1,357.3	1,903.6	45.3	746.9	92.1	241.7	168.8	140.4	264.7	
Aug.	546.9	1,358.5	1,905.4	45.3	746.4	94.0	241.7	167.3	141.0	266.2	
Nov.	543.4	1,368.9	1,912.3	45.1	742.5	93.2	244.0	167.5	141.7	271.7	
Dec.	543.2	1,370.4	1,913.6	44.7	737.1	91.8	244.1	172.2	141.4	271.7	
1944—Jan.	543.1	1,366.1	1,909.2	44.8	737.0	89.3	245.2	166.0	142.1	272.5	
Feb.	542.6	1,369.6	1,912.2	45.0	737.3	87.7	247.3	165.5	142.8	274.0	
Mar.	542.9	1,373.0	1,915.9	44.9	738.5	86.6	247.2	165.4	143.3	276.7	
April	539.7	1,367.1	1,906.8	44.6	733.2	83.8	248.1	165.6	142.8	276.1	
May	537.3	1,368.4	1,905.7	44.8	730.8	82.6	248.5	166.6	142.7	277.3	

(a) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures to June, 1943, are final. (b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) and of Allied Governments. (c) From July, 1942, monthly figures are subject to slight revision. (d) Includes Allied Works Council projects. (e) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands excluding Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Governmental (Municipalities, Aircraft and Ships). (a)	Other Factories (including War Contractors).	Total Factories.	Index 1928-29 = 100.	
										Unadjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
1928-29 ..	174.1	149.3	43.4	35.4	19.8	10.0	7.1	424.9	432.0	100	100
1935-36 ..	186.0	175.3	43.1	37.2	19.9	11.0	6.1	466.4	472.5	109	103
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	6.6	492.6	499.2	116	108
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	7.4	528.5	535.9	124	115
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	10.1	532.1	542.2	126	116
1939-40 ..	227.1	204.4	53.0	43.5	21.9	14.0	16.9	547.0	563.9	131	119
1940-41 ..	257.0	229.7	54.8	49.5	21.8	15.1	41.5	586.4	627.9	145	131
1941-42 ..	289.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	79.8	623.0	702.8	163	146
1942-43(b) ..	306.4	255.7	62.0	71.5	25.1	18.0	121.8	616.9	738.7	171	151
1942-43(b)—June ..	313.5	254.6	64.0	71.2	26.8	18.9	130.3	618.7	749.0	173	152
1943-44(c)—September ..	314.2	252.4	63.3	69.2	26.9	18.7	125.2	619.5	744.7	172	151
December ..	312.8	252.5	58.5	66.7	26.7	19.9	116.1	621.0	737.1	171	150
February ..	310.8	253.0	60.4	66.4	26.7	20.5	112.8	625.0	737.8	171	150
March ..	311.9	251.7	60.7	66.5	27.0	20.7	109.4	629.1	738.5	171	150
April ..	309.0	248.9	61.2	66.4	26.9	20.8	106.8	626.4	733.2	170	148
May ..	308.0	246.7	62.8	65.9	26.9	20.5	104.8	626.0	730.8	169	147

(a) Includes Government establishments, annexes, and certain private firms engaged in aircraft and ship-building, but excludes most private factories engaged on war contracts. (b) Final revised figures subject to slight revision. (c) From July, 1943, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES.

PAY-ROLL TAX.—Employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).	
							Index.	Number.

MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941	31,868	23,782	10,701	7,278	4,746	2,529	..	80,904
1941—July ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	80,904
1942—December ..	773	736	776	783	726	792	761	61,587
1943—December ..	720	701	710	741	696	777	715	57,853
1944—March ..	687	694	698	736	686	782	698	56,438
April ..	688	693	691	733	690	780	697	56,373
May ..	690	696	688	738	696	784	699	56,565

FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941	31,840	22,088	8,533	7,184	4,832	2,067	..	76,544
1941—July ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	76,544
1942—December ..	1,032	975	1,094	1,019	1,043	1,057	1,022	73,266
1943—December ..	981	933	1,051	972	981	990	974	74,560
1944—March ..	907	889	1,015	962	962	982	925	70,778
April ..	905	897	1,015	970	961	986	927	70,946
May ..	911	908	1,025	973	965	992	935	71,539

PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941	63,708	45,870	19,234	14,462	9,578	4,596	..	157,448
1941—July ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	157,448
1942—December ..	992	851	917	900	886	912	883	139,853
1943—December ..	850	812	861	856	840	873	841	132,413
1944—March ..	797	788	839	849	825	872	803	127,216
April ..	796	791	835	851	827	873	809	127,319
May ..	801	798	838	855	832	873	814	128,104

Industrial Disputes.—Number and Magnitude of Industrial Disputes (causing stoppage of work).

Period.	Number.	Establishments Involved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Estimated Loss in Wages. £
			Directly.	Indirectly.	Total.	New Disputes.	Old Disputes.	Total.	

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Year—1943 ..	689	2,771	250,754	5,623	256,377	720,275	76,236	796,511	971,069
1943—March Qtr.	192	1,677	82,626	473	83,099	231,186	6,576	237,762	300,377
June ..	192	463	85,168	770	85,938	171,107	55,260	226,367	255,183
Sept. ..	171	481	49,261	1,239	50,500	162,184	14,400	176,584	207,373
Dec. ..	134	150	33,699	3,141	36,840	155,798	..	155,798	208,136
1944—March ..	205	221	57,529	1,825	59,354	202,098	745	202,843	277,389

VICTORIA.

Year—1943 ..	40	1,070	19,042	217	19,259	61,902	14,784	76,686	65,409
1943—March Qtr.	11	814	10,841	29	10,870	12,547	5,376	17,923	17,893
June ..	11	230	4,038	..	4,638	28,761	..	28,761	25,678
Sept. ..	10	12	2,480	150	2,630	13,421	9,408	22,829	15,765
Dec. ..	8	14	1,083	38	1,121	7,173	..	7,173	6,073
1944—March ..	10	28	4,828	150	4,978	33,574	..	33,574	34,909

QUEENSLAND.

Year—1943 ..	20	114	8,990	302	9,292	54,699	4,196	58,895	62,629
1943—March Qtr.	7	9	2,360	2	2,362	14,916	..	14,916	17,092
June ..	3	84	1,558	300	1,858	19,098	..	19,098	18,203
Sept. ..	2	2	2,113	..	2,113	5,243	580	5,823	6,682
Dec. ..	8	19	2,959	..	2,959	15,442	3,616	19,058	20,652
1944—March ..	6	7	2,245	..	2,245	10,560	..	10,560	14,082

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Year—1943 ..	24	442	7,602	841	8,443	19,420	..	19,420	13,490
1943—March Qtr.	5	419	846	..	846	4,070	..	4,070	2,739
June ..	4	5	2,238	..	2,238	3,031	..	3,031	2,785
Sept. ..	4	4	613	66	679	2,229	..	2,229	1,271
Dec. ..	11	14	3,905	775	4,680	10,090	..	10,090	6,695
1944—March ..	7	48	5,645	..	5,645	51,056	..	51,056	55,461

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Year—1943 ..	10	82	1,594	950	2,544	37,248	1,190	38,438	40,793
1943—March Qtr.	2	74	249	..	249	747	..	747	879
June ..	1	1	652	..	652	7,172	1,190	8,362	9,325
Sept. ..	1	1	130	..	130	130	..	130	183
Dec. ..	6	6	563	950	1,513	29,199	..	29,199	30,346
1944—March ..	4	4	1,454	2,900	4,354	5,076	45,000	50,076	48,245

TASMANIA.

Year—1943 ..	2	2	46	142	188	201	..	201	176
1943—March Qtr.	1	1	33	142	175	175	..	175	161
June ..	1	1	13	..	13	26	..	26	15
Sept. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dec. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1944—March ..	1	1	49	..	49	49	..	49	60

AUSTRALIA.

Year—1943 ..	785	4,481	288,028	8,075	296,103	893,745	96,406	990,151	1,153,606
1943—March Qtr.	218	2,994	96,955	646	97,601	263,641	11,952	275,593	339,141
June ..	212	784	94,267	1,070	95,337	229,195	56,450	285,645	311,189
Sept. ..	188	500	54,597	1,455	56,052	183,207	24,388	207,595	231,274
Dec. ..	167	203	42,209	4,904	47,113	217,702	3,616	221,318	271,902
1944—March ..	233	309	71,750	4,875	76,625	302,413	45,745	348,158	430,146

**Wages.—Adult Males—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and
Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st March, 1944.**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	125/10	119/6	118/1	115/1	117/8	114/0	120/5
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/10½	2/8½	2/8½	2/7½	2/8	2/7	2/8½
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	122/5	119/4	120/9	115/10	124/8	120/9	120/7
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.11	44.00	44.00	44.01
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/8½	2/9	2/7½	2/10	2/9	2/9
III. Food, Drink, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	120/1	116/7	114/10	116/1	117/4	111/11	117/4
	Working Hours	44.00	44.04	43.44	44.00	44.13	44.00	43.91
	Hourly Wage	2/1½	2/7½	2/7½	2/7½	2/8	2/6½	2/8
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	117/5	119/1	124/6	124/6	119/2	114/5	119/8
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8	2/8½	2/10	2/10	2/8½	2/7½	2/8½
V. Books, Printing, &c. ...	Weekly Wage	136/1	138/2	125/7	129/1	145/6	129/6	135/8
	Working Hours	43.49	41.91	42.28	43.56	42.76	43.35	42.77
	Hourly Wage	3/1½	3/3½	2/11½	2/11½	3/4½	2/11½	3/2
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	120/5	117/4	114/9	115/3	117/10	115/4	118/2
	Working Hours	43.89	43.90	43.78	43.71	44.08	43.91	43.87
	Hourly Wage	2/9	2/8	2/7½	2/7½	2/8	2/7½	2/8½
VII. Building ..	Weekly Wage	131/10	131/5	120/2	119/0	125/8	121/9	128/5
	Working Hours	43.65	44.00	40.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.42
	Hourly Wage	3/0½	2/11½	3/0	2/8½	2/10½	2/9½	2/11½
VIII. Mining (c) ..	Weekly Wage	128/5	121/0	128/7	94/0	134/8	115/3	126/2
	Working Hours	40.61	40.47	40.93	43.79	40.50	41.33	40.77
	Hourly Wage	3/2	2/11½	3/1½	2/1½	3/4	2/9½	3/1½
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	123/8	122/4	119/0	114/11	118/9	112/9	121/2
	Working Hours	43.80	43.85	44.00	44.00	43.75	44.00	43.86
	Hourly Wage	2/10	2/9½	2/8½	2/7½	2/8½	2/6½	2/9½
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	114/6	110/4	110/3	106/7	116/1	105/8	111/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/7½	2/6	2/6	2/5	2/7½	2/4½	2/6½
XI. Shipping, &c. ..	Weekly Wage d	122/8	123/4	119/11	121/4	121/10	121/6	122/2
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage e	119/7	117/9	118/9	116/7	117/10	122/6	118/9
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage e	111/0	111/7	105/8	102/8	106/10	102/0	109/3
	Working Hours	44.00	44.33	44.00	44.00	44.80	44.00	44.17
	Hourly Wage e	2/6½	2/6½	2/4½	2/4	2/4½	2/3½	2/5½
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	116/7	115/0	108/9	107/6	113/9	109/7	113/10
	Working Hours	44.00	44.67	44.00	44.65	44.00	43.76	44.26
	Hourly Wage	2/7½	2/7	2/5½	2/5	2/7	2/6	2/6½
All Groups (a) ..	Weekly Wage	121/2	118/9	116/11	113/4	120/11	116/2	119/0
All Groups except XI. and XII.(a) ..	Weekly Wage	121/6	118/10	116/1	111/9	121/6	118/3	118/11
	Working Hours	43.52	43.92	43.18	44.21	43.16	43.38	43.61
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/8½	2/8½	2/6½	2/9½	2/7½	2/8½

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry.

(c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.

(d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers, and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied.

(e) Includes

the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

Wages.—Adult Females—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st March, 1944.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
III. Food, Drink, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	60/9	64/1	58/1	55/9	53/10	64/9	61/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/4½	1/5½	1/3½	1/3½	1/2½	1/5½	1/4½
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	70/10	72/1	75/8	75/8	63/5	72/0	72/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/7½	1/7½	1/8½	1/8½	1/5½	1/7½	1/7½
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	70/1	74/10	64/8	64/10	..	58/6	71/6
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.77	..	44.00	43.99
	Hourly Wage	1/7	1/8½	1/5½	1/5½	..	1/4	1/7½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c. ..	Weekly Wage <i>b</i>	62/8	70/11	68/7	55/8	68/6	57/2	65/9
	Working Hours	43.38	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.78
	Hourly Wage <i>b</i>	1/5½	1/7½	1/6½	1/3½	1/6½	1/3½	1/6
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	77/0	78/9	78/5	55/8	..	..	75/7
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	..	..	44.36
	Hourly Wage	1/9	1/9	1/9½	1/3½	..	..	1/8½
All Groups (a) ..	Weekly Wage	70/2	73/0	73/5	65/6	65/9	66/9	71/1
	Working Hours	43.88	44.19	44.00	43.99	44.00	44.00	44.03
	Hourly Wage	1/7½	1/7½	1/8	1/6	1/6	1/6½	1/7½

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging where supplied.

Wages.—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work, and Wage Index-numbers, 1914 to 31st March, 1944.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
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ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
31st December, 1914 ..	56	2	54	7	53	5	54	5	62	10	52	8	55	7
" " 1938 ..	95	0	91	2	95	10	87	1	99	1	88	5	93	5
" " 1939 ..	96	7	94	0	97	5	88	11	100	6	89	5	95	3
" " 1940 ..	99	7	97	0	97	9	92	11	104	0	92	7	98	1
" " 1941 ..	105	4	104	5	101	9	100	3	110	2	99	3	104	3
" " 1942 ..	118	3	116	7	110	2	112	3	117	7	108	2	115	8
30th September, 1943 ..	122	1	120	4	114	1	114	0	122	4	113	6	119	5
31st December, 1943 ..	121	3	119	7	116	10	113	9	122	2	116	9	119	5
31st March, 1944 ..	121	2	118	9	116	11	113	4	120	11	116	2	119	0

ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3d. (a) IN 1911 = 1,000.)

	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
31st December, 1914 ..	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1938 ..	1,854	1,780	1,870	1,700	1,933	1,725	1,823
" " 1939 ..	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1940 ..	1,943	1,892	1,908	1,812	2,029	1,807	1,913
" " 1941 ..	2,056	2,037	1,985	1,957	2,149	1,937	2,034
" " 1942 ..	2,308	2,275	2,150	2,189	2,294	2,111	2,257
30th September, 1943 ..	2,383	2,348	2,225	2,225	2,387	2,214	2,331
31st December, 1943 ..	2,366	2,333	2,279	2,219	2,383	2,279	2,329
31st March, 1944 ..	2,364	2,317	2,281	2,211	2,360	2,267	2,322

ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
31st December, 1914 ..	26	10	27	9	27	1	24	1	37	4	25	10	27	5
" " 1938 ..	51	10	50	7	53	6	47	9	54	4	49	8	51	4
" " 1939 ..	53	3	51	9	55	2	49	7	55	8	50	8	52	8
" " 1940 ..	54	9	53	5	56	0	52	1	57	6	53	1	54	3
" " 1941 ..	57	11	58	4	59	6	55	5	60	4	56	7	58	2
" " 1942 ..	63	10	64	11	66	4	60	3	64	2	61	3	64	4
30th September, 1943 ..	67	0	69	7	69	5	60	10	66	6	63	3	67	8
31st December, 1943 ..	67	11	70	2	69	9	61	3	66	6	63	3	68	4
31st March, 1944 ..	70	2	73	0	73	5	65	6	65	9	66	9	71	1

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (a) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)

	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
31st December, 1914 ..	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1938 ..	1,907	1,862	1,969	1,758	2,000	1,823	1,887
" " 1939 ..	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
" " 1940 ..	2,016	1,966	2,060	1,916	2,116	1,954	1,996
" " 1941 ..	2,133	2,148	2,191	2,038	2,220	2,082	2,141
" " 1942 ..	2,350	2,391	2,442	2,216	2,361	2,255	2,368
30th September, 1943 ..	2,464	2,560	2,554	2,238	2,446	2,326	2,491
31st December, 1943 ..	2,501	2,582	2,568	2,253	2,446	2,329	2,516
31st March, 1944 ..	2,582	2,688	2,703	2,412	2,419	2,456	2,616

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates by State Industrial Tribunals.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
New South Wales ..	(a) 4 19 0	(a) 2 13 6	1.11.43	(b)
Victoria(c) ..	(4.18.0)	(2.13.0)	(1.8.44)	(c)
Queensland ..	(d) 4 17 0	2 14 6	2.8.43	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	4 14 0	2 6 2	15.10.42	" " " " "
Western Australia(e)	4 19 11	2 13 11	1.7.44	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania(c) ..	(4.13.0)	(2.10.6)	(1.8.44)	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong; Broken Hill—Males, £5 1s. 0d.; Females, £2 14s. 6d.; Elsewhere—Males, £4 16s. 0d.; Females, £2 12s. 0d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Eastern Division. Allowances are added for other Divisions:—Northern, 10s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South-Western, 7s. 4d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 1.7.44 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State excluding the S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 7s. 1d.; Females, £2 17s. 10d.; and for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £4 19s. 8d.; Females, £2 13s. 10d.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates fixed by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for each Capital City.(a)

Capital.	1st August, 1943.	1st November, 1943.	1st February, 1944.	1st May, 1944.	1st August, 1944.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney	100 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0
Melbourne	99 0	98 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
Brisbane	94 0	93 0	93 0	93 0	93 0
Adelaide	94 0	94 0	93 0	93 0	93 0
Perth	94 0	94 0	93 0	93 0	93 0
Hobart	95 0	95 0	94 0	94 0	93 0
Six Capitals ..	98 0	97 0	96 0	96 0	96 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent. of male rate.

(a) "Court" Series Index-numbers—Commonwealth Court's Judgment of 23rd June, 1937. Includes "prosperity loadings" granted by Judgment. No defined family unit.

Awards of Industrial Courts and Wages Board Determinations Made and Industrial Agreements Filed.

State.	1939.		1940.		1941.		1942.		1943.	
	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.
New South Wales ..	64	17	70	22	65	49	72	23	24	11
Victoria	173	...	170	...	262	...	202	...	129	...
Queensland	50	25	34	45	45	14	15	37	6	25
South Australia ..	18	7	53	7	167	8	160	12	44	7
Western Australia ..	20	25	31	21	22	19	18	20	6	14
Tasmania	18	...	18	...	28	...	22	...	20	...
Commonwealth Court ..	31	21	25	13	7	3	52	20	44	17
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator ..	1	...	1	...	5	...	4	...	3	...
Total	375	95	402	108	601	93	545	112	276	74

Section VII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index published on page 60.

Retail Price Index-Numbers.(a)—Capital Cities.

("B" Series.)

(Base in each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1911.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1943.			1944.	
							June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.

GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney	553	936	952	962	1,040	1,042	1,065	1,039	1,015	1,019	1,025
Melbourne	523	942	947	943	1,042	1,055	1,073	1,056	1,037	1,039	1,047
Brisbane	569	864	889	911	972	975	998	968	950	968	967
Adelaide	570	897	900	905	1,012	1,003	1,022	1,003	985	989	995
Perth	753	938	949	981	1,029	1,059	1,080	1,062	1,045	1,051	1,057
Hobart	592	923	944	970	1,047	1,062	1,065	1,075	1,058	1,029	1,026
Weighted Average ..	559	927	939	947	1,031	1,037	1,058	1,036	1,015	1,020	1,026

GROUP IV.—HOUSING (b)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.

Sydney	701	1,035	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,043	1,043
Melbourne	569	955	969	975	975	974	974	974	974	974	974
Brisbane	373	854	857	860	862	862	862	862	862	863	863
Adelaide	706	888	892	893	893	893	893	892	893	892	892
Perth	524	881	882	883	885	885	885	885	885	886	886
Hobart	452	925	933	933	933	931	931	931	931	931	931
Weighted Average ..	612	965	973	976	976	975	975	975	975	976	976

ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).

Sydney	606	972	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,054	1,038	1,023	1,026	1,030
Melbourne	539	945	953	953	1,014	1,021	1,032	1,022	1,010	1,011	1,016
Brisbane	500	858	875	889	927	929	942	925	914	925	924
Adelaide	618	891	895	899	963	958	969	958	947	949	953
Perth	672	914	921	941	971	989	1,001	991	980	984	988
Hobart	542	922	938	953	1,000	1,009	1,010	1,016	1,006	988	987
Weighted Average ..	578	939	950	956	1,007	1,011	1,023	1,010	997	1,000	1,004

(a) As the price index-number increases, the purchasing power of money diminishes. (b) See note (a) on page 60.

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, and Housing (4 and 5 rooms).

("B" Series.)

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1911.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1943.			1944.	
							June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	606	972	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,054	1,038	1,023	1,026	1,030
Newcastle ..	..	934	950	959	1,005	1,000	1,011	999	985	988	987
Broken Hill ..	..	970	953	991	1,052	1,044	1,050	1,041	1,045	1,049	1,050
Goulburn ..	..	942	950	957	1,009	1,007	1,021	1,004	994	1,001	999
Bathurst ..	..	900	908	910	957	953	967	952	940	945	952
Weighted Average(a)	..	969	980	988	1,036	1,036	1,050	1,034	1,020	1,023	1,026
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	539	945	953	953	1,014	1,021	1,032	1,022	1,010	1,011	1,016
Ballarat ..	..	849	843	841	894	908	919	911	899	899	906
Bendigo ..	..	851	864	868	920	923	933	922	916	918	921
Geelong ..	..	917	915	912	956	962	975	964	950	951	957
Warrnambool ..	..	940	944	941	984	993	1,006	992	979	979	990
Weighted Average(a)	..	938	946	946	1,005	1,012	1,023	1,013	1,001	1,002	1,008
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane ..	500	858	875	889	927	929	942	925	914	925	924
Toowoomba ..	..	830	849	857	913	927	936	916	934	945	946
Rockhampton ..	..	843	854	863	901	904	918	898	900	909	911
Townsville ..	..	920	925	933	974	970	979	964	962	973	976
Bundaberg ..	..	804	817	835	878	888	902	883	878	887	889
Weighted Average(a)	..	858	873	886	926	928	941	924	916	927	927
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide ..	618	891	895	899	963	958	969	958	947	949	953
Kadina, &c. ..	..	743	739	738	789	784	794	782	776	775	776
Port Pirie ..	..	882	877	889	943	932	946	931	918	920	925
Mount Gambier ..	..	838	828	832	879	877	882	878	870	872	879
Peterborough ..	..	890	895	893	936	926	938	924	912	913	919
Weighted Average(a)	..	885	888	892	955	950	961	950	939	941	945
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c. ..	672	914	921	941	971	989	1,001	991	980	984	988
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	..	1,178	1,184	1,211	1,160	1,122	1,133	1,121	1,111	1,114	1,120
Northam ..	..	936	946	980	1,005	1,001	1,013	1,000	991	992	1,002
Bunbury ..	..	979	979	996	1,011	1,010	1,023	1,008	995	1,003	1,011
Geraldton ..	..	990	995	1,024	1,048	1,069	1,073	1,084	1,074	1,077	1,083
Weighted Average(a)	..	936	943	964	988	1,001	1,013	1,003	992	996	1,000
TASMANIA—											
Hobart ..	542	922	938	953	1,000	1,009	1,010	1,016	1,006	988	987
Launceston ..	..	887	901	913	948	953	955	961	948	932	932
Burnie ..	..	898	914	937	973	998	1,008	1,002	994	975	947
Devonport ..	..	865	882	898	928	942	943	949	942	921	913
Queenstown ..	..	933	942	947	970	1,005	1,008	1,011	1,002	995	998
Weighted Average(a)	..	908	923	937	978	988	990	995	984	967	965
Weighted Average for 30 towns ..	..	935	945	952	1,001	1,005	1,017	1,004	992	995	998
Weighted Average 6 Capital Cities ..	578	939	950	956	1,007	1,011	1,023	1,010	997	1,000	1,004
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	..	783	799	817	856	872	882	870	871	880	888
Port Augusta (c) ..	..	864	878	896	932	914	925	913	902	903	909
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) (c) ..	..	1,026	1,028	1,028	1,078	1,073	1,086	1,069	1,058	1,061	1,057

(a) Weighted Average for the five towns.

(b) New series from 1938. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090.

(c) Not included in weighted averages above.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1914.	1943.				1944.			Per- cent- age in- crease from July, 1914, to June 1944.
	July.	Apr.	May.	June.	Apr.	May.	June.		
NEW SOUTH WALES—									
Sydney	645	1,067	1,064	1,065	1,020	1,020	1,036	60.6	
Newcastle	642	1,086	1,084	1,087	1,041	1,040	1,051	63.7	
Broken Hill	821	1,241	1,245	1,250	1,243	1,244	1,246	51.8	
Goulburn	661	1,112	1,116	1,116	1,076	1,076	1,081	63.5	
Bathurst	613	1,048	1,051	1,051	1,020	1,020	1,035	68.8	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	652	1,072	1,070	1,070	1,027	1,027	1,041	59.7	
VICTORIA—									
Melbourne	619	1,073	1,072	1,074	1,040	1,042	1,061	71.4	
Ballarat	617	1,047	1,060	1,064	1,027	1,030	1,047	69.7	
Bendigo	619	1,056	1,058	1,060	1,030	1,031	1,055	70.4	
Geelong	609	1,027	1,040	1,038	994	1,003	1,020	67.5	
Warrnambool	608	1,055	1,056	1,059	1,013	1,034	1,042	71.4	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	618	1,070	1,070	1,072	1,037	1,040	1,058	71.2	
QUEENSLAND—									
Brisbane	591	995	998	999	969	965	966	63.5	
Toowoomba	582	985	992	990	1,007	1,007	1,001	72.0	
Rockhampton	646	1,018	1,019	1,018	1,007	1,007	1,006	55.7	
Townsville .. .. .	..	1,056	1,053	1,059	1,052	1,051	1,051	..
Bundaberg .. .. .	..	1,057	1,056	1,054	1,032	1,029	1,033	..
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	605	1,002	1,005	1,005	982	979	979	61.8	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—									
Adelaide	699	1,021	1,023	1,022	989	996	1,001	43.2	
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	688	1,060	1,063	1,063	1,026	1,030	1,036	50.6	
Port Pirie	722	1,097	1,099	1,099	1,058	1,061	1,072	48.5	
Mount Gambier	595	990	990	1,000	977	982	1,003	68.6	
Peterborough	749	1,055	1,060	1,062	1,018	1,027	1,038	38.6	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	697	1,025	1,027	1,026	992	999	1,005	44.2	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—									
Perth and Fremantle	749	1,073	1,081	1,085	1,049	1,054	1,069	42.7	
Kalgoorlie and Boulder	931	1,187	1,194	1,206	1,170	1,174	1,193	28.1	
Northam .. .. .	..	1,086	1,088	1,097	1,059	1,070	1,086	..
Bunbury	793	1,058	1,060	1,065	1,029	1,034	1,052	32.7	
Geraldton	808	1,047	1,098	1,115	1,093	1,097	1,116	38.1	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	790	1,081	1,090	1,094	1,058	1,064	1,079	36.6	
TASMANIA—									
Hobart	678	1,062	1,067	1,066	1,024	1,022	1,032	52.2	
Launceston	640	1,016	1,023	1,022	978	976	988	54.4	
Burnie .. .. .	..	1,109	1,113	1,115	1,009	1,011	1,019	..
Devonport .. .. .	..	1,049	1,055	1,070	1,001	1,004	1,020	..
Queenstown	735	1,138	1,143	1,144	1,120	1,120	1,138	54.8	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	672	1,051	1,057	1,057	1,011	1,010	1,021	51.9	
Weighted Average for 30 Towns	651	1,059	1,059	1,061	1,023	1,025	1,038	59.4	
Weighted Average, 6 Capital Cities	645	1,058	1,057	1,059	1,020	1,022	1,036	60.6	
(a) Lithgow (N) .. .. .	..	1,089	1,090	1,091	1,058	1,056	1,075	..
(a) Yallourn (V.) .. .. .	..	1,072	1,072	1,059	1,035	1,035	1,037	..
(a) Warwick (Q.)	605	978	986	984	981	994	988	63.3	
(a) Port Augusta (S.A.) .. .. .	..	1,077	1,081	1,082	1,046	1,053	1,064	..
(a) Rosebery (T.) .. .. .	..	1,165	1,167	1,169	1,127	1,127	1,143	..
(a) Canberra (A.C.T.) .. .. .	..	1,155	1,152	1,154	1,106	1,104	1,112	..

(a) Not included in weighted averages above.

THE "ALL ITEMS" INDEX.

("C" Series.)

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms) (a), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1943.			1944.	
							June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	913	936	974	1,023	1,107	1,151	1,165	1,154	1,143	1,143	1,143
Newcastle ..	877	901	945	997	1,069	1,109	1,126	1,112	1,098	1,097	1,089
Broken Hill ..	940	955	981	1,049	1,132	1,172	1,185	1,179	1,175	1,175	1,174
Goulburn ..	893	916	949	1,005	1,087	1,125	1,140	1,126	1,116	1,118	1,119
Bathurst ..	860	883	923	974	1,050	1,091	1,107	1,096	1,082	1,085	1,086
Weighted Average(b)	911	933	972	1,026	1,104	1,147	1,162	1,151	1,139	1,139	1,139
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	896	924	964	1,008	1,100	1,139	1,153	1,139	1,128	1,129	1,133
Ballarat ..	850	874	906	950	1,037	1,084	1,099	1,087	1,075	1,074	1,082
Bendigo ..	854	875	920	963	1,054	1,096	1,104	1,097	1,094	1,095	1,101
Geelong ..	884	911	941	984	1,065	1,110	1,125	1,117	1,100	1,103	1,112
Warrnambool ..	892	918	954	998	1,078	1,126	1,141	1,128	1,115	1,115	1,122
Weighted Average(b)	893	920	960	1,004	1,095	1,135	1,149	1,136	1,125	1,125	1,129
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane ..	852	870	908	963	1,033	1,072	1,083	1,074	1,068	1,072	1,072
Toowoomba ..	843	858	898	951	1,033	1,080	1,089	1,078	1,083	1,087	1,085
Rockhampton ..	853	887	905	959	1,032	1,073	1,086	1,074	1,073	1,075	1,076
Townsville ..	902	918	950	1,004	1,075	1,114	1,124	1,114	1,113	1,116	1,119
Bundaberg ..	851	847	879	938	1,015	1,057	1,068	1,058	1,053	1,056	1,060
Weighted Average(b)	854	871	909	964	1,035	1,075	1,086	1,076	1,072	1,075	1,076
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide ..	888	906	936	988	1,075	1,102	1,111	1,106	1,099	1,098	1,096
Kadina, &c. ..	786	810	833	882	962	998	1,008	1,004	998	996	992
Port Pirie ..	868	896	919	976	1,057	1,087	1,097	1,091	1,081	1,081	1,077
Mount Gambier ..	840	872	894	946	1,024	1,061	1,069	1,067	1,056	1,057	1,057
Peterborough ..	868	897	924	974	1,053	1,087	1,097	1,090	1,083	1,083	1,082
Weighted Average(b)	883	902	931	983	1,069	1,097	1,106	1,101	1,094	1,093	1,091
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c. ..	882	901	932	993	1,061	1,104	1,115	1,110	1,100	1,102	1,103
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	1,066	1,099	1,165	1,175	1,192	1,202	1,197	1,189	1,193	1,195
Norham ..	900	915	947	1,017	1,079	1,111	1,122	1,117	1,107	1,109	1,113
Bunbury ..	914	936	962	1,018	1,065	1,102	1,112	1,109	1,097	1,104	1,109
Geraldton ..	957	965	990	1,055	1,114	1,165	1,171	1,179	1,171	1,174	1,177
Weighted Average(b)	897	915	946	1,008	1,070	1,112	1,123	1,118	1,108	1,110	1,112
TASMANIA—											
Hobart ..	887	908	945	1,001	1,078	1,117	1,118	1,125	1,117	1,105	1,100
Launceston ..	872	888	926	974	1,040	1,078	1,081	1,086	1,076	1,067	1,061
Burnie ..	865	879	917	971	1,035	1,088	1,095	1,094	1,089	1,076	1,056
Devonport ..	848	861	896	951	1,012	1,058	1,060	1,069	1,056	1,040	1,031
Queenstown ..	875	903	936	987	1,045	1,096	1,098	1,103	1,098	1,095	1,096
Weighted Average(b)	879	898	936	989	1,060	1,101	1,103	1,108	1,100	1,089	1,083
Weighted Average for 30 Towns	894	917	954	1,006	1,087	1,127	1,140	1,130	1,120	1,120	1,121
Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities	897	920	957	1,008	1,091	1,131	1,143	1,133	1,123	1,124	1,125
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	800	834	867	926	1,007	1,055	1,064	1,059	1,057	1,059	1,062
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	863	883	915	980	1,052	1,076	1,085	1,077	1,070	1,070	1,070
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) ..	..	956	988	1,040	1,121	1,168	1,184	1,170	1,159	1,160	1,150

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June, 1936, quarter in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns. (b) Five Towns.

(c) Not included in weighted averages above.

NEW SOUTH WALES. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15TH OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED.
FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE, 1944.

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.84	5.84	5.84	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.00	6.00	6.00
" self-raising ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.79	4.79	4.79	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Tea ..	lb.	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.57	8.57	8.57	9.07	9.07	9.07	8.60	8.60	8.70	9.00	9.00	9.00
Sugar ..	"	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.43	27.43	27.43	27.86	27.86	27.86	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Rice (Australian)(a) ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sago(a) ..	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.13	7.13	7.13	8.80	8.80	8.80	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.25	7.25	7.25
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	13.50	13.60	13.60	14.93	14.93	14.93	14.14	14.14	14.14	15.30	15.50	15.60	15.40	15.40	15.40
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.68	3.68	3.68	3.88	3.88	3.88	4.46	4.38	4.46	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.25	4.06	4.06
Raisins, seeded (a) ..	"	12.50	12.50	12.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.71	12.86	13.14	13.67	13.67	13.67	13.50	13.50	13.50
Currants (a) ..	"	10.81	10.89	10.89	11.00	10.80	10.80	11.43	11.50	11.58	11.00	11.13	11.13	10.75	10.75	10.70
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.75	17.75	17.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Peaches, canned (a) ..	30 oz.	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.25	13.25	13.25	16.17	16.17	15.60	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.90	13.90	13.90
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	13.75	13.75	13.75	14.25	14.25	14.25	16.33	16.33	16.33	14.75	14.75	14.75	14.63	14.63	14.63
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	22.33	22.33	22.33	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.83	20.83	20.83	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.93	8.93	8.78	8.60	8.60	8.60	12.43	12.43	12.43	8.84	8.84	8.84	8.48	8.48	8.48
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.50	3.57	3.57	3.00	3.07	3.07	3.17	3.17	3.58	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.40	3.40	3.40
Soap ..	"	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.49	7.37	7.37
Kerosene ..	quart	6.28	6.28	6.28	6.71	6.71	6.71	7.76	7.76	7.75	7.38	7.33	7.33	7.53	7.56	7.45
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.05	20.05	20.05	20.50	20.50	20.50	22.64	22.64	22.64	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.70	20.70	20.70
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.07	17.07	17.07	17.07	17.07	17.07	19.00	19.00	19.00	17.70	17.70	17.60	18.00	18.00	18.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.25	28.25	28.22	28.21	28.21	28.14	31.57	31.57	31.57	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.50	28.60	28.60
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	22.71	22.36	22.00	22.10	21.80	21.50	24.07	24.07	24.07	22.63	22.60	22.60	23.00	23.00	23.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.70	9.70	9.70	9.93	9.79	9.93	10.64	10.79	10.79	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.25	12.25	12.25	13.14	13.14	13.14	16.00	16.00	16.00	12.90	12.90	12.90	10.70	10.70	10.70
" rib ..	"	8.55	8.55	8.55	8.79	8.79	8.79	14.00	14.00	14.00	9.63	9.63	9.63	8.20	8.20	8.40
" steak, rump ..	"	20.70	20.70	20.70	17.43	17.43	17.43	23.00	23.00	23.00	17.60	17.60	17.60	15.60	15.60	16.00
" chuck ..	"	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.71	9.71	9.71	13.86	13.86	13.86	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.20	8.20	8.40
" sausages ..	"	7.90	8.00	8.20	8.64	8.64	8.64	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.40	8.40	8.60	8.20	8.20	8.40
Beef (corned) silver-	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.21	10.21	10.14	16.00	16.00	16.00	10.60	10.60	10.60	9.60	9.60	9.60
" brisket ..	"	7.30	7.30	7.35	8.00	8.00	8.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.20	8.20	8.40
Mutton, leg ..	"	7.90	7.90	9.20	9.93	9.93	10.29	10.14	10.43	10.43	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.80	8.80	9.80
" forequarter ..	"	4.70	4.70	5.45	5.00	5.00	6.07	7.14	7.14	7.14	6.10	6.10	6.20	4.60	4.60	5.20
" loin ..	"	9.40	9.40	10.90	9.71	9.71	10.50	8.43	8.43	8.43	9.80	9.80	11.00	8.40	8.40	9.60
" chops, loin ..	"	10.40	10.40	11.75	10.43	10.43	11.50	11.71	11.71	11.86	10.80	10.80	11.40	9.20	9.20	10.00
" leg ..	"	9.70	9.70	10.70	10.64	10.64	11.64	11.71	11.71	11.71	10.60	10.60	11.00	8.80	8.80	9.80
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	16.60	16.60	16.60	17.86	17.86	17.86	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.60	15.60	15.60	15.00	15.00	15.00
" loin (a) ..	"	17.55	17.55	17.55	18.07	18.07	18.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.80	15.80	15.80	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chops (a) ..	"	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.07	18.07	18.07	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.20	16.20	16.20	15.00	15.00	15.00
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	281.13	..	..	243.53	..	..	189.48	..	..	221.88	..	..	212.19	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

RETAIL PRICES.

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE, 1944.

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Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.86	5.86	5.86	5.82	5.82	5.82	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.25	6.25	6.25
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.30	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.71	4.71	4.71	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.80	4.80	4.80
" self-raising ..	"	7.40	7.40	7.40	8.21	8.21	8.21	7.93	7.93	7.93	7.80	7.80	7.80	8.30	8.30	8.30
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.14	27.07	27.07	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.40	27.40	27.40
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.28	4.28	4.28	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.60	3.60	3.60	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.80	3.80	3.80
Sago (a) ..	"	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.17	7.17	7.17	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.75
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.15	11.15	11.15	11.79	11.57	11.57	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.50	7.64	7.64	7.50	7.50	7.43	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.60	7.60	7.60
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.72	3.69	3.69	3.89	3.89	3.89	3.93	3.93	3.93	3.95	3.85	3.85	4.05	4.05	4.05
Raisins, seeded (a)	"	12.80	12.78	13.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	13.40	13.40	13.40	12.10	12.10	12.63	13.00	13.00	13.20
Currants ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.43	10.42	10.50	10.40	10.40	10.50	10.60	10.60	10.60
Apricots, dried (a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.33	13.33	13.33	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.50	13.50	13.50
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.17	14.17	14.17	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.83	13.83	13.83	14.17	14.17	14.17
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	20.67	20.67	20.67	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.34	8.34	8.40	8.34	8.41	8.30	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.64	2.64	2.64	2.57	2.57	2.57	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Soap ..	"	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.54	7.54	7.54	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.68	7.68	7.68
Kerosene ..	quart	6.54	6.54	6.54	6.79	6.79	6.79	6.95	6.95	6.95	6.35	6.35	6.35	7.35	7.35	7.35
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.43	20.43	20.43	20.86	20.86	20.86	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.80	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	16.22	16.22	16.22	15.79	15.79	15.79	16.57	16.57	16.57	15.10	15.10	15.10	15.90	15.90	15.90
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.10	28.10	28.10	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	24.56	24.56	24.56	24.14	24.14	24.14	24.50	24.50	24.50	23.70	23.70	23.70	24.10	24.10	24.10
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.86	10.86	10.86	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.20	7.20	7.20	6.50	6.75	7.13
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.60	13.60	13.70	13.14	13.14	13.29	12.17	12.00	12.71	11.80	12.00	12.00	10.80	11.40	11.40
" rib ..	"	10.45	10.55	11.00	9.71	9.86	9.86	9.00	9.14	10.00	8.10	8.10	8.50	8.40	9.00	9.00
" steak, rump ..	"	20.60	20.60	21.10	18.14	18.14	18.29	17.50	17.50	18.29	17.80	18.20	18.20	16.20	16.80	16.80
" chuck ..	"	9.60	9.60	9.90	9.43	9.43	9.43	9.67	9.57	9.86	8.60	8.80	8.80	8.60	9.00	9.00
" sausages ..	"	7.65	7.65	7.65	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.43	7.43	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	12.15	12.15	12.40	12.14	12.14	12.14	11.17	11.00	11.71	11.60	11.60	11.60	10.60	11.20	11.20
" brisket ..	"	8.25	8.25	8.85	8.86	8.71	8.71	8.75	8.79	9.57	7.40	7.60	7.80	7.80	8.60	8.60
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.60	10.85	11.70	10.14	10.29	11.36	10.17	10.14	10.86	9.70	9.90	10.70	10.40	10.60	10.80
" forequarter ..	"	5.60	5.95	6.75	5.50	6.00	7.00	5.42	5.57	6.64	4.80	5.60	6.40	6.30	6.90	7.10
" loin ..	"	9.15	9.25	10.30	7.86	7.86	9.07	8.17	8.29	8.86	8.00	8.60	9.90	8.00	8.60	8.90
" chops, loin ..	"	9.95	10.05	11.05	8.57	8.71	10.14	8.83	9.14	10.29	8.80	9.40	10.50	9.00	9.80	10.10
" leg ..	"	11.15	11.20	11.85	11.00	11.14	12.21	9.83	10.00	10.43	9.70	9.90	11.30	10.10	10.30	10.50
Pork, leg(a) ..	"	15.95	15.95	15.95	15.43	15.43	15.43	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.80	14.80	14.80
" loin(a) ..	"	16.80	16.80	16.80	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.40	15.40	15.40	14.80	14.80	14.80
" chops(a) ..	"	17.65	17.65	17.65	17.43	17.43	17.43	17.25	17.25	17.25	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	262.55	..	..	179.06	..	..	187.02	..	..	239.32	..	..	234.94	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

RETAIL PRICES.

**QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE, 1944.**

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.75	5.75	5.75
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.09	4.09	4.09	4.57	4.57	4.57	5.36	5.36	5.36	5.40	5.40	5.40	4.50	4.50	4.50
" self-raising ..	"	8.64	8.59	8.59	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.60	9.60	9.60
Tea ..	lb.	27.05	27.05	27.05	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.93	27.93	27.93	27.70	27.70	27.70	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	"	3.98	3.98	3.98	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.04	4.04	4.00	4.65	4.65	4.65	3.97	3.97	3.97
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a) ..	"	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.25	7.25	7.25	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	12.49	12.33	12.55	13.43	13.43	13.43	13.54	13.54	13.93	14.60	14.60	14.60	12.55	12.75	13.10
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.86	6.82	6.86	7.71	7.71	7.71	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.20	8.20	8.20	7.40	7.40	7.40
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	3.93	3.93	4.07	3.89	3.89	3.89	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.38	4.38	4.38
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.55	12.55	12.55	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.57	13.57	13.83	14.33	14.33	14.33	13.30	13.30	13.30
Currants ..	"	11.25	11.22	11.22	11.36	11.36	11.36	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.20	11.20	11.88
Apricots, dried (a)	"	17.25	17.25	17.25	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.89	13.89	13.89	14.90	14.90	14.90	15.70	15.70	15.70	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.30	14.30	14.30
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	14.43	14.43	14.43	15.20	15.20	15.20	16.10	16.10	16.10	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	21.33	21.33	21.33	24.63	24.63	24.63	20.50	20.50	20.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.87	8.87	8.87	9.50	9.50	9.00	10.90	11.00	10.80	9.10	9.00	8.60
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.07	3.07	3.50	3.50	3.43	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.38	3.20	3.00
Soap ..	"	7.03	7.03	7.03	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.53	7.53	7.53	7.26	7.26	7.26
Kerosene ..	quart	5.70	5.70	5.70	6.36	6.36	6.36	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.46	7.46	7.46	6.33	6.33	6.33
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.91	19.91	19.91	19.93	19.93	19.93	20.14	20.14	20.14	21.60	21.60	21.60	19.80	19.80	19.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.21	15.21	15.21	15.64	15.64	15.64	16.90	16.90	16.90	15.30	15.30	15.30
Eggs, new laid (a) ..	doz.	27.82	27.82	27.73	23.83	25.57	25.57	29.67	29.67	29.43	28.00	28.00	28.00	23.00	23.00	28.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	22.17	21.91	21.86	22.93	21.93	22.00	22.57	22.50	22.43	22.33	21.75	22.17	23.25	22.13	21.90
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.77	9.77	9.77	9.79	9.79	9.86	10.57	10.57	10.57	10.10	10.30	10.30	10.10	10.10	10.10
" fresh ..	quart	7.10	7.10	7.10	6.00	6.00	7.00	6.86	6.86	6.86	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.15	11.90	11.90	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.57	10.57	10.57	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80
" rib (a) ..	"	6.80	6.33	6.33	8.50	8.50	7.00	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.90	8.90	8.90
" steak, rump ..	"	16.95	16.90	16.90	17.00	17.00	17.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chuck ..	"	7.85	7.90	7.90	9.00	9.00	8.00	7.86	7.86	7.86	7.40	7.40	7.40	9.40	9.40	9.40
" sausages ..	"	7.69	7.75	7.75	10.00	10.00	9.00	8.14	8.14	8.14	7.80	7.80	7.80	9.10	9.10	9.10
" (corned) silver-	"															
side ..	"	10.80	10.80	10.80	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.43	10.43	10.43	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.20	10.20	10.20
brisket ..	"	7.90	7.90	7.90	9.50	9.50	8.00	8.67	8.67	8.67	7.00	7.00	7.00	9.20	9.10	9.10
Mutton, leg ..	"	8.40	8.45	8.45	9.50	9.50	9.00	9.07	9.07	9.14	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.40	10.40	10.40
" forequarter ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.50	5.50	5.00	6.29	6.29	6.36	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
" loin ..	"	7.60	7.50	7.45	9.07	9.14	9.00	8.93	8.93	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" chops, loin ..	"	8.45	8.40	8.45	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.07	9.07	9.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" leg ..	"	7.89	7.63	7.63	9.83	9.83	9.00	9.07	9.07	9.14	8.40	8.40	8.40	10.10	10.10	10.10
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	16.07	16.07	16.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.67	15.67	15.67	15.80	15.80	15.80
" loin (a) ..	"	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
" chops (a) ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	16.80	16.80	16.80
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	232.74	..	..	216.22	..	..	206.85	..	..	217.71	..	..	169.04	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

RETAIL PRICES.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE, 1944.

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Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIKE.			MT. GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.55	4.55	4.55	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.07	5.07	5.07	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.15	7.15	7.15	8.64	8.64	8.64	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.20	9.20	9.20	8.63	8.63	8.63
Tea ..	lb.	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.89	27.89	27.89	27.14	27.14	27.14	27.20	27.20	27.20	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) (a)	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Sago (a) ..	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	13.10	13.10	13.10	13.79	13.79	13.79	13.83	13.83	13.83	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.63	13.63	13.63
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.90	6.90	6.90	8.43	8.43	8.43	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.63	8.63	8.63
Oats, flaked ..	1 lb.	3.58	3.58	3.63	3.90	3.90	3.90	4.05	4.15	4.15	3.81	3.81	3.81	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.60	11.60	11.60	12.79	12.79	12.79	13.26	13.26	13.26	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Currants ..	"	9.90	9.90	9.90	10.64	10.64	10.64	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.70	10.70	10.70	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a)	"	17.38	17.38	17.38	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.67	16.67	16.67	17.67	17.67	17.67	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.42	13.42	13.42	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.83	15.83	15.83	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	13.30	13.30	13.30	14.75	14.75	14.75	15.50	15.50	15.50	13.75	13.75	13.75	14.67	14.67	14.67
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.80	20.80	20.80	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.41	8.41	8.46	10.17	10.17	10.17	10.16	10.16	10.16	8.78	9.31	9.31	10.38	10.38	10.38
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.60	2.70	2.68	2.67	2.67	2.67	3.14	3.29	3.29	2.38	2.25	2.38	3.00	3.00	3.00
Soap ..	"	7.38	7.38	7.36	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.30	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75
Kerosene ..	quart	5.64	5.66	5.66	6.29	6.29	6.29	6.61	6.61	6.61	6.23	6.23	6.23	6.44	6.44	6.44
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.57	21.57	21.57	20.86	20.86	20.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.88	20.88	20.88
Cheese, mild ..	"	14.83	14.83	14.83	16.29	16.29	16.29	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.60	15.60	15.60	16.50	16.50	16.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.25	28.25	28.25	23.00	26.00	26.00	24.00	26.40	26.80	23.80	25.00	25.80	23.25	25.33	26.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	19.90	19.90	19.80	20.57	20.57	20.57	21.57	21.50	21.50	20.00	20.00	20.20	21.25	21.25	21.25
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.30	9.30	9.30	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.21	10.29	10.29	10.50	10.50	10.50	9.75	9.88	9.88
" fresh ..	quart	6.50	6.50	6.50	7.43	7.43	7.57	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	11.95	11.85	11.75	11.29	11.29	11.29	10.00	10.00	10.29	11.40	11.40	11.40	8.33	8.33	8.33
" rib ..	"	9.89	9.89	9.83	10.43	10.43	10.57	9.86	9.86	10.07	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.33	8.33	8.33
" steak, rump ..	"	16.50	16.60	16.60	15.00	15.00	15.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.20	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chuck ..	"	10.05	10.05	10.05	10.43	10.43	10.29	12.00	12.00	12.00	7.60	7.60	7.80	9.00	9.00	9.00
" sausages ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.29	7.29	7.29	8.00	8.00	8.00	5.80	6.00	6.20	6.33	6.33	7.00
Beef (corned) silver-																
side ..	"	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.86	11.86	11.86	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.20	11.33	11.33	11.33
" brisket ..	"	8.55	8.55	8.65	10.00	10.00	9.86	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.60	8.60	8.60	9.33	9.33	9.33
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.00	10.20	10.60	8.93	9.07	9.36	10.14	10.14	10.64	9.00	9.00	10.20	9.33	9.50	9.67
" forequarter ..	"	4.65	5.00	5.40	5.79	5.79	5.93	6.43	6.43	6.86	4.50	4.60	5.90	4.67	5.17	5.83
" loin ..	"	8.25	8.65	9.30	7.71	7.71	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.64	7.80	7.80	9.00	8.33	8.67	10.00
" chops, loin ..	"	8.80	9.65	10.10	8.43	8.57	9.00	10.00	10.07	10.86	8.00	8.20	9.60	9.00	9.67	10.67
" leg ..	"	10.30	10.50	10.75	9.14	9.14	9.43	10.14	10.29	10.79	8.80	8.80	10.20	9.67	10.00	10.33
Fork, leg(a) ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.14	13.14	13.14	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
" loin(a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.57	12.57	12.57	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" chops(a) ..	"	14.90	14.90	14.90	12.57	12.57	12.57	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
House Rents	4 and 5 Rooms	..	240.61	..	..	96.49	..	..	179.48	..	..	179.81	..	..	189.64	..

RETAIL PRICES.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE, 1944.

Article.	Unit.	PERTH AND FREMANTLE.			KALGOORLIE AND BOULDER.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.95	7.95	7.95	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.38	8.38	8.38	8.33	8.33	8.33	9.00	9.00	9.00
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	28.86	28.86	28.86	27.63	27.63	27.63	27.38	27.38	27.38	27.90	27.90	27.90
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) (a)	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.17	5.17	5.17	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sago (a) ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	11.63	11.63	11.63	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.95	7.95	7.95	10.50	10.50	10.50	8.75	8.75	8.75	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.81	4.81	4.75	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.95	4.95	4.95
Raisins, seeded (a)	"	12.75	12.75	12.75	13.80	13.80	13.80	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.50	13.50	13.50
Currants ..	"	10.33	10.33	10.33	11.57	11.57	11.57	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.75	10.75	10.75	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.06	19.06	19.06	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	14.00	14.00	14.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	14.50	14.50	14.50	17.42	17.42	17.42	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
Salmon, in tins (a)	"	20.00	20.00	20.00	24.67	24.67	24.67	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.47	8.47	9.79	9.93	9.93	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.56	8.33	8.33	9.40	9.40	9.30
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.85	2.85	2.85	3.29	3.29	3.36	2.88	2.88	2.88	3.17	3.13	3.13	3.30	3.30	3.30
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.67	7.67	7.67
Kerosene ..	quart	6.61	6.61	6.61	8.50	8.50	8.50	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.63	7.63	7.63
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.93	22.93	22.93	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.50	21.50	21.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	16.90	16.90	16.90	18.43	18.43	18.43	17.63	17.63	17.63	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.00	28.00	28.00	32.00	32.50	32.42	27.67	27.67	27.67	25.00	27.33	27.33	23.00	26.40	26.60
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	20.35	20.40	20.40	21.43	21.43	21.43	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.75	20.75	20.75	21.00	21.00	21.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.85	9.85	9.85	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.13	10.13	10.13	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.50	12.50	12.60	12.29	12.29	12.43	11.38	11.38	11.38	12.38	12.40	12.40	12.50	12.50	12.50
" rib ..	"	10.80	10.75	10.75	11.29	11.29	11.43	10.63	10.63	10.63	10.38	10.60	10.60	10.50	10.50	10.50
" steak, rump ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.21	18.21	18.21	18.38	18.38	18.38	18.38	18.40	18.40	18.50	18.50	18.50
" chuck ..	"	10.90	10.85	10.85	12.21	12.21	12.21	11.63	11.63	11.63	11.13	11.20	11.20	11.50	11.50	11.50
" sausages ..	"	8.80	8.80	8.80	10.07	10.07	10.07	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	10.80	10.75	10.75	12.43	12.43	12.43	11.38	11.38	11.38	10.25	10.30	10.40	11.50	11.50	11.50
" " brisket ..	"	8.80	8.75	8.80	8.86	8.86	9.00	8.88	8.88	8.88	8.25	8.30	8.40	9.50	9.50	9.50
Mutton, leg ..	"	9.60	10.10	11.15	10.57	10.79	12.14	9.75	10.50	11.75	10.00	10.20	11.60	10.00	10.00	11.50
" forequarter ..	"	6.20	6.50	7.20	6.64	6.86	7.93	6.25	7.00	7.88	6.50	6.60	7.30	6.00	6.00	7.00
" loin ..	"	9.80	10.30	10.95	10.00	10.21	11.29	9.25	10.00	11.13	10.00	10.20	11.50	11.33	11.33	12.67
" chops, loin ..	"	10.30	10.75	11.00	10.93	11.14	12.50	10.00	10.75	12.00	10.00	10.20	11.60	12.00	12.00	13.50
" " leg ..	"	10.40	10.75	11.95	10.93	11.14	12.50	9.75	10.50	11.75	10.00	10.20	11.60	12.00	12.00	13.50
Pork, leg(a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.00	15.00	15.00	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.20	12.20	12.20	14.00	14.00	14.00
" loin(a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.71	14.71	14.71	12.60	12.60	12.60	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chops(a) ..	"	14.80	14.30	14.30	15.57	15.57	15.57	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.33	14.33	14.33
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	238.78	..	..	260.69	..	..	226.21	..	..	245.15	..	..	266.48	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

RETAIL PRICES.

**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE 1944.**

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.90	5.90	5.90	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.10	4.10	4.10	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
" self-raising ..	"	7.45	7.35	7.35	7.29	7.29	7.29	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.10	8.10	8.20	7.75	7.75	7.75
Tea ..	lb.	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.00	27.00	27.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.86	3.86	3.86	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.17	4.17	4.17	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.17	4.17	4.17
Sago(a) ..	"	7.63	7.63	7.63	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.67	7.67	7.67
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	9.60	9.65	9.65	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.70	9.70	9.70	9.50	9.50	9.50
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	8.25	8.25	8.25	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.10	8.10	8.10	7.80	7.80	7.80	9.38	9.38	9.38
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.05	3.95	3.95	3.68	3.68	3.68	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.70	3.70	3.70	4.75	4.75	4.75
Raisins, seeded (a)	"	12.25	12.35	12.50	12.14	12.14	12.50	12.30	12.30	12.25	12.75	13.00	12.75	12.88	12.88	12.88
Currants ..	"	10.80	10.80	10.80	10.57	10.57	10.57	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.50	10.60	10.60	10.67	10.67	10.67
Apricots, dried (a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.25	16.25	16.25	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.25	18.25	18.25
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.30	13.30	13.30	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.30	13.30	13.30	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.25	14.25	14.25
Pears, canned (a)	"	13.57	13.57	13.57	13.20	13.20	13.20	13.38	13.38	13.38	14.33	14.33	14.33	14.63	14.63	14.63
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.17	22.17	22.17	19.83	19.83	19.83
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.34	8.34	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.32	10.61	10.61	10.86
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.35	3.25	3.20	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.90	2.90	2.90	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.38	3.38	3.50
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.33	7.33	7.33
Kerosene ..	quart	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.39	7.39	7.39	7.54	7.54	7.54	7.73	7.75	7.75	8.72	8.72	8.72
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.25	20.25	20.25
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.60	17.60	17.60	15.67	15.67	15.67	16.90	16.90	16.90	17.20	17.20	17.20	17.33	17.33	17.33
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	25.75	28.20	28.20	23.80	26.20	27.00	29.63	29.63	29.63
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.71	20.71	20.71	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.75	20.75	20.75	21.00	21.00	21.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.10	10.10	10.10	9.93	9.93	9.93	10.50	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.38	10.38	10.38
" fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	11.95	11.95	12.30	10.71	10.71	11.14	11.00	11.00	11.25	10.33	10.33	10.83	12.00	12.00	12.33
" rib ..	"	10.15	10.15	10.50	9.00	9.00	9.07	10.00	10.00	10.25	10.00	10.00	10.50	11.33	11.33	11.67
" steak, rump ..	"	16.80	16.90	17.25	14.71	14.57	14.93	14.00	14.00	14.25	12.67	12.67	13.17	15.33	15.33	16.00
" chuck ..	"	9.95	9.95	10.30	8.29	8.29	8.71	8.75	8.75	9.00	8.67	8.67	9.17	11.33	11.33	12.00
" sausages ..	"	7.90	7.78	7.67	7.57	7.57	7.64	8.25	8.25	8.38	8.00	8.00	8.17	9.00	9.00	9.17
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.65	11.65	12.00	10.57	10.00	10.50	10.00	10.00	10.25	10.00	10.00	10.50	12.00	12.00	12.67
" brisket ..	"	9.75	9.75	10.10	8.71	8.71	9.14	9.00	9.00	9.25	9.00	9.00	9.50	11.00	11.00	11.33
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.35	9.21	9.29	9.64	10.00	10.00	10.25	10.00	10.00	10.50	12.00	12.00	12.67
" forequarter ..	"	5.80	5.90	6.25	5.79	5.79	6.21	6.00	6.00	6.25	6.00	6.00	6.50	9.33	9.33	9.67
" loin ..	"	9.65	9.65	10.00	8.79	8.79	9.21	9.00	9.00	9.25	9.00	9.00	9.50	12.00	12.00	12.67
" chops, loin ..	"	10.50	10.10	10.45	9.64	9.64	10.07	10.00	10.00	10.25	10.00	10.00	10.50	12.00	12.00	12.67
" " leg ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.75	9.93	9.93	10.38	10.00	10.00	10.25	10.00	10.00	10.50	12.00	12.00	12.67
Pork, leg ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.25	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" loin ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.25	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chops ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.50	14.00	14.00	12.67	12.67	12.67	14.00	14.00	14.00
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	250.97	..	..	232.19	..	..	213.93	..	..	193.64	..	..	202.31	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agricultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Produce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chemicals.	All Groups.
1861..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871..	1,096	1,267	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904..	821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	980	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	908	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,003
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,123	995	1,088
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,607	1,081	1,253	1,149
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917..	2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,351	2,398	2,059
1920..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923..	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,885
1925..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,832
1927..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,803
1930..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,932	1,596
1931..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,348	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,113	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,437	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,663
1939..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,854	1,362	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,832	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 33 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index numbers back to 1928-29 are published on the next page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Tex- tiles.	Chem- icals.	Rubber and Hides.	Build- ing Ma- terials.	Food- stuffs and To- bacco.	Goods prin- cipally Im- ported.	Goods prin- cipally Home Pro- duced.	All Groups.
1928-29 ..	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1936-37 ..	962	984	1,185	988	1,106	989	974	991	980	984
1937-38 ..	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	969	1,041	997	1,018	1,000	1,005
1938-39 ..	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1939-40 ..	1,051	1,152	1,038	1,068	1,163	1,084	1,012	1,106	1,025	1,047
1940-41 ..	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42 ..	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43 ..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,383	1,628	1,276	1,760	1,210	1,372
1943-44 ..	1,310	1,695	1,500	1,433	1,411	1,743	1,282	1,832	1,211	1,394
1940-41										
January ..	1,075	1,367	1,099	1,238	1,254	1,283	1,109	1,357	1,077	1,161
February ..	1,076	1,365	1,097	1,238	1,245	1,284	1,067	1,362	1,043	1,138
March ..	1,076	1,366	1,118	1,241	1,256	1,284	1,059	1,362	1,037	1,133
April ..	1,088	1,410	1,131	1,241	1,287	1,284	1,062	1,382	1,043	1,143
May ..	1,090	1,410	1,153	1,241	1,355	1,307	1,061	1,401	1,040	1,147
June ..	1,090	1,411	1,155	1,241	1,295	1,307	1,064	1,402	1,041	1,149
1941-42—										
July ..	1,123	1,412	1,131	1,241	1,300	1,310	1,099	1,416	1,070	1,172
August ..	1,127	1,437	1,145	1,265	1,299	1,310	1,130	1,425	1,097	1,195
September ..	1,165	1,461	1,157	1,363	1,299	1,310	1,144	1,472	1,108	1,215
October ..	1,165	1,465	1,172	1,363	1,302	1,317	1,144	1,491	1,102	1,217
November ..	1,165	1,491	1,177	1,391	1,339	1,326	1,146	1,527	1,097	1,225
December ..	1,173	1,489	1,171	1,391	1,364	1,326	1,125	1,516	1,088	1,215
January ..	1,173	1,522	1,166	1,406	1,420	1,326	1,130	1,511	1,102	1,223
February ..	1,175	1,530	1,185	1,406	1,432	1,326	1,154	1,507	1,124	1,237
March ..	1,175	1,576	1,197	1,408	1,365	1,326	1,160	1,523	1,130	1,246
April ..	1,206	1,574	1,221	1,408	1,364	1,326	1,191	1,540	1,154	1,269
May ..	1,208	1,574	1,242	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,270	1,680	1,181	1,327
June ..	1,213	1,574	1,238	1,410	1,361	1,514	1,326	1,694	1,219	1,358
1942-43—										
July ..	1,213	1,590	1,363	1,410	1,361	1,514	1,311	1,653	1,232	1,356
August ..	1,234	1,644	1,359	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,318	1,661	1,247	1,369
September ..	1,237	1,644	1,381	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,334	1,724	1,237	1,379
October ..	1,302	1,649	1,386	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,292	1,721	1,219	1,367
November ..	1,308	1,651	1,391	1,425	1,361	1,529	1,281	1,750	1,205	1,365
December ..	1,308	1,684	1,484	1,425	1,358	1,691	1,255	1,801	1,193	1,371
January ..	1,308	1,686	1,544	1,425	1,406	1,691	1,210	1,791	1,166	1,349
February ..	1,308	1,688	1,535	1,429	1,406	1,701	1,234	1,790	1,185	1,363
March ..	1,308	1,693	1,544	1,429	1,406	1,701	1,258	1,802	1,200	1,377
April ..	1,310	1,693	1,521	1,430	1,406	1,709	1,266	1,807	1,205	1,382
May ..	1,310	1,693	1,573	1,430	1,406	1,709	1,267	1,801	1,211	1,384
June ..	1,310	1,693	1,574	1,430	1,406	1,741	1,291	1,824	1,222	1,399
1943-44—										
July ..	1,310	1,694	1,569	1,433	1,406	1,741	1,297	1,824	1,228	1,404
August ..	1,310	1,694	1,541	1,433	1,406	1,741	1,283	1,823	1,216	1,395
September ..	1,310	1,694	1,502	1,433	1,406	1,741	1,290	1,828	1,218	1,397
October ..	1,310	1,691	1,507	1,433	1,406	1,741	1,279	1,826	1,210	1,392
November ..	1,310	1,694	1,436	1,433	1,406	1,741	1,279	1,843	1,200	1,389
December ..	1,310	1,694	1,499	1,433	1,406	1,743	1,274	1,835	1,203	1,389
January ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,406	1,743	1,277	1,841	1,203	1,391
February ..	1,310	1,696	1,488	1,433	1,419	1,743	1,267	1,828	1,200	1,385
March ..	1,310	1,696	1,488	1,433	1,419	1,746	1,269	1,833	1,200	1,387
April ..	1,310	1,696	1,488	1,433	1,419	1,746	1,285	1,847	1,208	1,396
May ..	1,310	1,696	1,488	1,433	1,435	1,746	1,289	1,834	1,216	1,397
June ..	1,308	1,696	1,507	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,297	1,820	1,228	1,402

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin* No. 34 Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1928-29	1,167	1,289	1,221	1,234	1,235	487	1,213
1936-37	1,109	1,105	929	1,073	982	993	1,063
1937-38	992	1,017	1,012	1,008	1,085	996	1,014
1938-39	899	878	1,059	919	933	1,011	923
1939-40	887	1,021	1,066	982	974	1,115	985
1940-41	996	1,088	1,030	1,045	1,119	1,223	1,056
1941-42(b)	1,034	1,124	1,074	1,083	1,167	1,226	1,094
1942-43(b)	1,064	1,269	1,126	1,170	1,251	1,199	1,177
1943-44 (b)	1,091	1,274	1,115	1,180	1,291	1,199	1,190
1942-43—(b)							
January	1,041	1,221	1,122	1,139	1,285	1,199	1,151
February	1,054	1,242	1,118	1,152	1,285	1,199	1,164
March	1,081	1,244	1,128	1,164	1,285	1,199	1,175
April	1,069	1,244	1,127	1,161	1,286	1,199	1,171
May	1,058	1,253	1,127	1,161	1,286	1,199	1,171
June	1,082	1,269	1,122	1,176	1,285	1,199	1,185
1943-44—(b)							
July	1,074	1,290	1,118	1,182	1,296	1,199	1,191
August	1,060	1,290	1,113	1,176	1,296	1,199	1,186
September	1,070	1,290	1,115	1,180	1,296	1,199	1,189
October	1,072	1,283	1,116	1,177	1,296	1,199	1,187
November	1,080	1,269	1,115	1,173	1,296	1,199	1,183
December	1,098	1,269	1,115	1,179	1,296	1,199	1,189
January	1,108	1,263	1,115	1,180	1,296	1,199	1,191
February	1,111	1,257	1,115	1,179	1,296	1,199	1,189
March	1,100	1,257	1,115	1,175	1,296	1,199	1,186
April	1,112	1,262	1,115	1,182	1,296	1,199	1,192
May	1,103	1,272	1,115	1,183	1,295	1,199	1,193
June	1,103	1,290	1,115	1,191	1,295	1,199	1,200

(a) Year ended December previous.
average wholesale prices in the period shown.

(b) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Year.	Ex-cluding Gold.	In-cluding Gold.	Month.	1941-42.		1942-43.		1943-44.	
				Ex-cluding Gold.	In-cluding Gold.	Ex-cluding Gold.	In-cluding Gold.	Ex-cluding Gold.	In-cluding Gold.
1928-29	1,205	1,173	July ..	1,035	1,049	1,134	1,139	1,145	1,148
1932-33	698	705	August ..	1,037	1,051	1,133	1,138	1,154	1,157
1933-34	959	896	September ..	1,039	1,052	1,134	1,139	1,149	1,152
1934-35	741	753	October ..	1,043	1,056	1,132	1,136	1,155	1,159
1935-36	942	946	November ..	1,048	1,061	1,133	1,138	1,171	1,172
1936-37	1,155	1,144	December ..	1,049	1,061	1,132	1,136	1,172	1,175
1937-38	1,024	1,022							
1938-39	821	834	January ..	1,052	1,063	1,138	1,143	1,173	1,176
1939-40	964	980	February ..	1,051	1,062	1,137	1,141	1,172	1,175
1940-41	1,026	1,039	March ..	1,051	1,062	1,142	1,147	1,173	1,176
1941-42	1,047	1,059	April ..	1,052	1,063	1,142	1,147	1,176	1,178
1942-43	1,137	1,142	May ..	1,054	1,064	1,142	1,147	1,192	1,192
1943-44	1,169	1,171	June ..	1,049	1,058	1,142	1,147	1,196	1,196

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

† (Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.						Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (a)	Percentage of Unem- ployment among Trade Union- ists.
	Food and Grocer- ies.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms).	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). "B" Series.	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	All Items of House- hold Ex- pendi- ture. "C" Series.			
Year—									
1911	1,000	1,000	1,000	(b)1,000	(b)1,000	(b)1,000	1,000	1,000	%
1914	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948	4.7
1921	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087	8.3
1928	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172	11.2
1938	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209	8.7
1939	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1940	1,679	1,590	1,644	1,445	1,519	1,588	1,889	1,190	8.0
1941	1,693	1,595	1,654	1,690	1,613	1,673	1,997	1,194	3.7
1942	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,977	1,693	1,809	2,164	1,196	1.6
1943	1,855	1,595	1,749	2,177	1,776	1,876	2,309	1,231	1.1
Quarter—									
1934.									
June	1,404	1,319	1,372	1,194	1,438	1,358	1,592	1,172	20.9
September ..	1,401	1,331	1,375	1,187	1,435	1,357	1,596	1,176	20.4
December ..	1,422	1,332	1,388	1,177	1,434	1,361	1,599	1,175	18.8
1935.									
March	1,420	1,356	1,396	1,174	1,446	1,368	1,607	1,175	18.6
June	1,425	1,363	1,402	1,180	1,441	1,371	1,609	1,174	17.8
September ..	1,461	1,379	1,430	1,188	1,437	1,389	1,613	1,161	15.9
December ..	1,460	1,390	1,434	1,188	1,435	1,391	1,620	1,165	13.7
1936.									
March	1,445	1,413	1,433	1,191	1,432	1,391	1,623	1,167	13.4
June	1,455	1,425	1,444	1,194	1,431	1,397	1,629	1,166	12.8
September ..	1,489	1,449	1,474	1,197	1,455	1,420	1,641	1,156	12.0
December ..	1,510	1,461	1,491	1,203	1,449	1,430	1,659	1,160	10.7
1937.									
March	1,510	1,470	1,495	1,205	1,452	1,433	1,662	1,160	9.9
June	1,507	1,483	1,498	1,221	1,461	1,441	1,680	1,166	9.7
September ..	1,526	1,499	1,516	1,230	1,464	1,454	1,721	1,184	9.3
December ..	1,540	1,510	1,529	1,245	1,467	1,465	1,763	1,203	8.2
1938.									
March	1,540	1,521	1,534	1,247	1,466	1,467	1,778	1,212	8.0
June	1,572	1,534	1,558	1,255	1,461	1,482	1,787	1,206	8.6
September ..	1,616	1,547	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,500	1,806	1,204	9.2
December ..	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,501	1,823	1,215	8.9
1939.									
March	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September ..	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December ..	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1940.									
March	1,640	1,587	1,620	1,342	1,481	1,542	1,864	1,209	7.9
June	1,688	1,589	1,649	1,415	1,518	1,583	1,875	1,184	10.5
September ..	1,676	1,591	1,642	1,450	1,533	1,590	1,903	1,197	7.4
December ..	1,710	1,593	1,663	1,572	1,542	1,635	1,912	1,169	6.2
1941.									
March	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,598	1,581	1,651	1,966	1,191	5.3
June	1,679	1,595	1,646	1,669	1,594	1,660	1,984	1,195	3.6
September ..	1,673	1,595	1,643	1,705	1,633	1,675	2,002	1,195	3.2
December ..	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,787	1,644	1,707	2,034	1,192	2.9
1942.									
March	1,771	1,597	1,701	1,838	1,667	1,746	2,091	1,198	1.8
June	1,832	1,596	1,736	1,942	1,673	1,793	2,127	1,186	1.7
September ..	1,887	1,595	1,768	2,028	1,689	1,835	2,182	1,189	1.6
December ..	1,880	1,595	1,764	2,098	1,741	1,860	2,257	1,213	1.3
1943.									
March	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,130	1,749	1,863	2,283	1,225	1.2
June	1,891	1,595	1,771	2,216	1,763	1,897	2,292	1,208	1.1
September ..	1,853	1,594	1,748	2,192	1,773	1,880	2,331	1,240	1.1
December ..	1,815	1,595	1,726	2,171	1,778	1,864	2,329	1,249	1.1
1944.									
March	1,824	1,595	1,731	2,167	1,775	1,864	2,322	1,246	1.0
June	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,160	1,773	1,865	..	..	1.4

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.

(b) Taken back from true base (November, 1914 = 1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

† The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1000

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1943.
Population (a)—Males ..	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,597,447	3,635,530
Females ..	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,539,775	3,594,334
Total ..	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,137,222	7,229,864
Births—Number ..	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	134,525	149,295
Rate ..	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.94	20.65
Deaths—Number ..	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	71,176	74,486
Rate ..	14.66	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.02	10.30
Marriages—Number ..	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	38,882	75,148	67,673
Rate ..	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	10.58	9.36
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1942-43.
AGRICULTURE—								
Wheat—Area '000 acres	2,996	3,335	5,116	7,428	9,719	14,741	12,003	9,280
Yield '000 bus.	21,444	25,675	38,562	71,636	129,089	190,612	166,713	155,728
Average yield bus.	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	13.89	16.78
Oats—Area '000 acres	195	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	1,497
Yield '000 bus.	4,796	5,726	9,790	9,562	12,147	15,195	22,302	21,532
Average yield bus.	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	15.27	14.38
Barley—Area '000 acres	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,396	784,253	450,615
Yield '000 bus.	1,353	1,179	1,520	2,057	6,086	6,291	18,004	8,278
Average yield bus.	17.84	17.31	20.46	17.66	20.36	18.37	22.92	18.37
Maize—Area '000 acres	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	301,360	284,592
Yield '000 bus.	5,726	9,262	7,035	8,940	7,840	7,062	7,436	6,885
Average yield bus.	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	24.68	24.19
Hay—Area '000 acres	768	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	2,359
Yield '000 tons	787	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	3,116
Average yield tons	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.28
Potatoes—Area '000 acres	(b) 76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	145,111	99,324	140,209
Yield '000 tons	(b) 243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	332,727	483,561
Average yield tons	(b) 3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	3.45
Sugar-cane—Area (c) '000 acres	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	241,576	254,564	240,988
Yield '000 tons	350	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	4,692
Av. yield tons	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.25	19.47
Vineyards—Area '000 acres	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	129,422	130,307
Wine '000 gal.	1,438	3,438	5,262	4,975	8,543	14,191	15,862	19,789
Total gross value of all agricultural production £'000	15,519	16,988	23,835	23,774	81,890	74,489	94,450	(e)
PASTORAL, DAIRYING, ETC.—								
Live stock—Sheep '000	65,093	106,421	72,040	96,886	86,119	110,619	125,189	124,615
Cattle ..	8,011	11,112	8,491	11,829	14,441	12,261	13,561	14,005
Horses ..	1,088	1,585	1,620	2,278	2,438	1,776	1,611	1,518
Pigs ..	703	846	931	1,111	960	1,168	1,477	1,563
Wool production (d) '000 lb.	319,649	634,046	539,395	798,391	723,059	1,007,456	1,167,159	1,149,253
Butter ..	(e)	(f) 42,315	(f) 103,747	(f) 212,074	(f) 267,071	390,654	375,694	383,171
Cheese ..	(e)	(f) 10,131	(f) 11,845	(f) 15,887	(f) 32,653	31,423	67,520	80,940
Bacon and ham ..	(e)	(f) 16,772	(f) 34,021	(f) 63,335	(f) 58,626	71,122	95,119	104,836
Total gross value of all pastoral and dairying production .. £'000	20,538	39,256	36,890	72,883	119,399	103,018	186,020	(e)
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1942.
MINERAL PRODUCTION—								
Gold .. £'000	5,194	5,282	14,018	10,552	4,019	3,564	15,991	12,060
Silver and lead ..	46	3,736	2,249	3,022	1,540	1,444	6,256	5,624
Copper ..	714	367	2,215	2,564	804	568	1,505	1,666
Tin ..	1,146	561	448	1,210	418	216	1,001	896
Zinc ..	..	3	4	1,415	283	513	1,590	1,563
Coal ..	638	1,912	2,603	3,927	11,015	6,355	10,872	12,623
Total value of all mineral production .. £'000	7,820	12,074	21,817	23,303	19,997	13,352	41,257	38,462
					1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1942-43.
FORESTRY PRODUCTION—								
Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn—'000 sup. ft.	(e)	(e)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	893,584	(e)
FACTORIES—								
Number of factories ..	{	{	{	14,455	18,023	21,657	26,971	26,414
Hands employed .. No.				311,710	378,540	336,658	725,342	759,044
Wages paid .. £'000				27,528	68,051	55,932	180,052	208,867
Value of production ..				51,259	121,674	110,982	316,439	352,002
Total value of output ..				133,022	320,332	281,646	773,059	850,349

(a) At 31st December; last year at 30th June. (b) Partly estimated. (c) Productive cane. (d) In terms of greasy. (e) Not available. (f) Years ended December. (g) Owing to variation in classification effective comparison is impossible.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA—continued.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1942-43.
SHIPPING—								
Oversea vessels entered and cleared	No.							
	3,284	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,555	(l)
	'000 tons	2,549	4,726	6,542	9,985	11,396	10,790	(l)
COMMERCE—								
Imports—Oversea	£'000	29,067	37,711	42,434	66,968	103,066	44,713	(a) 149,356
Per head	£	12/16/2	11/16/0	11/3/11	14/18/2	18/14/1	6/16/6	20/18/6
Exports—Oversea	£'000	27,528	36,043	49,696	79,482	127,847	(b) 85,843	ab 127,208
Per head	£	12/2/8	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/10	23/4/1	13/1/11	17/16/6
Total—Oversea trade	£'000	56,595	73,754	92,130	146,450	230,913	130,556	(a) 276,564
Per head	£	24/18/10	23/1/6	24/6/1	32/12/0	41/18/2	19/18/5	38/15/0
Customs and Excise duties	£'000	4,809	7,441	8,657	13,515	27,565	28,525	56,777
Per head	£	2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/19/1
PRINCIPAL OVERSEA EXPORTS								
(c)								
Wool—Quantity (d)	'000 lb.	328,369	619,260	518,018	720,365	927,834	893,644	937,376
Value	£'000	13,173	19,940	15,237	26,071	47,977	32,102	58,041
Wheat—Quantity	'000 lb.	3,219	5,877	12,156	33,089	59,968	76,441	13,388
Value	£'000	1,190	1,939	2,775	9,642	28,644	19,220	4,645
Flour—Quantity	'000 tons	50	33	97	176	360	611	414
Value	£'000	520	328	590	1,392	5,520	3,833	4,191
Butter—Quantity	'000 lb.	1,299	4,240	34,607	101,722	127,347	201,639	130,347
Value	£'000	39	207	1,451	4,637	7,968	10,250	8,125
Hides and skins	"	317	874	1,251	3,227	3,137	2,316	5,982
Tallow	"	644	571	678	1,936	1,442	831	842
Meats	"	363	461	2,611	4,303	5,542	6,370	14,094
Timber (undressed)	"	118	38	781	1,024	1,158	433	320
Gold	"	6,445	5,704	14,316	12,046	3,483	12,695	8,934
Silver and lead	"	58	1,932	2,250	3,213	2,697	2,902	582
Copper	"	677	418	1,619	2,346	705	472	18
Coal	"	361	646	987	901	1,100	342	259
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—								
Length of line open	miles	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,502	26,959	27,241
Capital cost	£'000	42,741	99,764	123,224	152,195	244,353	321,972	322,152
Gross revenue	"	3,910	8,654	11,038	17,848	38,195	37,580	66,482
Working expenses	"	2,142	5,630	7,134	10,946	29,818	28,142	51,043
Per cent. of working expenses on earnings	%	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78
POSTAL—								
Letters and post-cards dealt with	'000	67,640	157,297	220,853	453,063	561,973	731,135	921,901
Per head No.	"	29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	111.62	129.17
Newspapers dealt with	'000	38,063	85,280	102,727	141,638	140,477	139,502	177,974
Per head No.	"	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50	21.30	24.94
CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (e)—								
Note circulation	£'000	3,979	4,417	3,399	3,718	(f) 214	197	167
Coin and bullion held	"	9,108	16,713	19,781	33,471	21,627	2,882	4,479
Advances	"	57,733	129,742	86,353	108,579	193,436	(h) 260,918	(h) 323,850
Deposits	"	53,849	98,345	91,487	143,447	(i) 273,867	(i) 319,241	(i) 482,722
SAVINGS BANKS (j)—								
Total deposits	£'000	7,854	15,537	30,883	59,394	154,396	197,966	274,275
Average per head of population	£	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11	38/4/7
						1921.	1931.	1941.
								1942.
STATE SCHOOLS—								
Schools	No.	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,060	9,445	10,097	9,535
Teachers	"	9,028	12,564	14,500	16,971	26,120	33,762	32,066
Enrolment	"	432,320	561,153	638,478	638,850	819,042	936,901	886,655
Average attendance	"	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,799	666,498	817,262	732,116

(a) Merchandise only; for year 1942-43 Civil Merchandise only. (b) British currency values. The recorded values were:—Exports, 1931-32, £A.109,034,000; 1941-42, £A.159,329,000; and 1942-43, £A.91,118,000, vide page 15.

(c) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. (d) In terms of greasy. (e) Figures for first three years are averages for the December quarter; the remainder for the June quarter. (f) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (g) Quarter ended June, 1944. (h) Government "set-off" amounts interstat (Commonwealth Bank) excluded. (i) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits. (j) First three year at 31st December; remainder 30th June. (k) At 30th June, 1944. (l) Not available for publication.